

AMSTERDAM CRASH — Rescue workers at Schiphol Airport carrying victims 13. The plane, a turbo-prop bound for Cardiff, Wales, was carrying 21 passengers and a from a KLM airliner that crashed Monday, killing three people and seriously injuring

crew of three. It developed engine trouble and crashed while returning to the airport.

South Africa's Big Risk: Misjudging the Zulus

New York Times Service

ISANDLWANA, South Africa - From the sphinx-shaped crag that gives this place its name, a vast amphitheater of

yellow grass, drenched in blood and history, rolls east to a distant horizon. On a sunny January day in 1879, a British force of 1,800

soldiers on their way to an anticipated easy conquest of Zululand looked up from this plain to see 20,000 Zulu warriors cascading down from the plateau. The field is still dotted with the graves of the British, buried

where they were disemboweled. The mounds of white stones serve as little monuments to the folly of underestimating the

last major bastion of black resistance to the new South Africa? And if so, what defiance will they encounter from the Zulu king, Goodwill Zwelethini, and his chief minister, Chief Man-

How many of their divided subjects will rally to them?

"What de Klerk and Mandela believe is that they are just As South African soldiers undertake their own push into going to drive tanks through the Zulus," said Gertrude Mzizi, a

gosuthu Buthelezi, men who revel in their martial heritage?

Will this police action, intended to quell factional violence

and protect voters in the country's first post-apartheid elec-

tion, turn into an attempted conquest of the Zulu royalists, the

leader in Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party but a non-Zulu, a Zulu country, dispatched by President Frederik W. de Klerk hereditary princess of the Basotho tribe. with the blessing of his likely successor, Nelson Mandela, the question in many minds is whether the Zulus are being mis-

"They are making a very big mistake," she said. "That is just going to create an England-IRA thing that is going to last for

Not so, countered Zibuse Mlaba, a Zulu chief who supports the African National Congress. He said the ANC, after winning the election, would find a way to settle with the king, and

traditional Zulus would follow him into acquiescence. "At the end, he will give in," Chief Mlaba predicted. "After the elections, the provincial government will accommodate the

king. They will give him observer status - let him sign bills after they are discussed in Parliament. They will set aside some See ZULUS, Page 4

It Isn't a Panic, but Wall Street Keeps On Losing Points

By Lawrence Malkin

nal Herald Tribune opened with a sharp thump Monday, but a weekend of reflection after Friday's jump in

interest rates prevented a panic sell-off.

Government data released Friday showing 456,000 jobs created in the United States in March sent yields on government securities soaring. In late trading Monday, the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose to 7.41 percent from 7.25 percent Friday, with the price phinging 1 21/32 at 86 5/32.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 64 points within 20 minutes of the opening bell

and fell 80 points within the first hour. Computerized program trading was halted for the by midday, then slumped another 51 points to bring back the program-trading limits. The Dow closed at 3.593.35, down 42.61 and about a closed at 3.593.35,

judged again.

Still jittery about the Federal Reserve Board's next move on monetary policy, bond investors shrugged off the National Association of Purchasing Management's report that showed industrial inflation moderating in March and overall activity in big companies stabilizing after a year-end rise that concerned

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fundamentally healthy and interest rates, while too high now, would turn down again, Renters reported from Cleveland.

Interest rates are still lower than they were at the bottom of the recession," Mr. Clinton said. "I think they're too high. I think they'll come back down."]

Most of the selling in the stock market came

the Fed. The purchasing managers' index was from institutions fleeing for the safety of cash. 56.7 for March, only one-tenth of a point above Small companies were hammered hard. The

Metz, market strategist at Oppenheimer & Co. "It is the small investors who are experiencing a combination of bewilderment and despair. Most of them can't understand why the market is going down in the face of such strong eco-

Cost Too High, Some Settlers Quit Gaza

Small investors mostly sat tight, although See MARKET, Page 12

Angry North Koreans Snub UN's Demands

Spurning Call to Open Sites, Regime Resumes 'Peaceful Nuclear Activity'

By David E. Sanger

TOKYO - In an angry retort to the United Nations Security Council, North Korea on Monday rejected "unjustifiable demands" that it further open its nuclear sites, and said it now had no choice but to resume the "peaceful nuclear activities" it had frozen in place while negotiating with the Clinton administration.

The statement from the Foreign Ministry was the first since the Security Council issued a statement on Thursday asking the North to allow a full inspection of its nuclear facilities by the International Atomic Energy Agency. The statement, which was softened after long negotiations with China, the North's last ally, vaguely hinted at the possibility of sanctions if Pyongyang failed to comply.

It was unclear whether the North's rejection of the resolution constituted the country's last word on the subject. It appeared to allow some room for maneuvering, and both Japanese and South Korean diplomats said they held out some hope that North Korea would reconsider, and allow nuclear inspectors back into the country, after a series of events in Pyongyang over the next 10 days.

Those events start with a meeting of the Communist nation's leadership later this week and culminate, on April 15, with national cele-brations of the birthday of the country's socalled great leader, Kim Il Sung. Mr. Kim, who has ruled North Korea since 1945, will turn 82.

If the North carried through on its threat to resume activity at its nuclear site at Yong-byong, 100 kilometers north of Pyongyang, it could move ahead with unloading spent nuclear fuel rods from its largest operating reactor.

That long-delayed operation has been the cause of considerable concern within the American intelligence community, because it would give the North access to a considerable amount of additional plutonium. The Central Intelligence Agency has estimated that the North already has enough plutonium to produce one or two bombs, but there are sharp differences of opinion in the United States and South Korea over whether North Korea already possesses a weapon. In Seoul, for example, a senior South Korean official publicly expressed doubts about the American estimate.

Any sign that the North was expanding its plutonium supplies would greatly change the nature of the Korean nuclear standoff for the Clinton administration. So far, it has justified its go-slow approach, stressing diplomacy first and delaying harsher measures such as sanctions, by arguing that there is no evidence that North Korea is making significant progress in fabricating weapons while the talks drag on.

"It would put a very different tint on things if it appeared they were making progress," an American official tracking the project said. "We would be forced to act on a different

It is also possible that the North Korean statement was intended to justify new work within the reprocessing center, the core of the suspected nuclear sites, sighted by inspectors who visited in March. The inspection team reported back to the UN agency that they saw some evidence that a second reprocessing line is under construction, which would potentially expand the North's ability to produce more plutonium. But a senior South Korean official suggested that the extra line may be more for show than for production, intended to strengthen the North's nuclear card "at very little cost."

In its lengthy attack on the Security Council, the North charged that the organization had been manipulated by the United States, and said that the atomic energy agency, a UN affiliate, would be called "to account for ex-

panding partiality against us."
The UN inspectors left North Korea in mid-March without completing their work after authorities there blocked them from taking radioactive samples from a nuclear fuel reprocessing site. The samples likely would have offered evidence of how much photonium, the key inedient in nuclear weapons, had been produced at the plant.

Curiously, North Kores did not threaten to pull out of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty because of the Security Conneil action. Japanese officials, briefing reporters on their efforts to help defuse the North Korean standoff, said that a move to pull out of the treaty was "out nightmare scenario" because it could prompt immediate economic sanctions.

Japanese officials made a public effort to step up pressure on the North, but their words seemed undercut by their private resistance to applying any pressure on the North in the absence of formal UN sanctions.

"We are concerned that North Korea may not have understood very well the UN Security Council statement urging Pyongyang to comply with international nuclear safeguards," said Japan's chief cabinet secretary, Masayoshi Take-

But on Sunday, South Korea's foreign minister, Han Sung Joo, told his Japanese counter-part, Tsutomu Hata, that Japan might soon be asked to clamp down on the flow of hundreds of millions of dollars from Japan to North Korea. The river of money, anywhere from \$600 million to \$1.6 billion a year, is the North's chief source of hard currency.

Japan has been highly reluctant to act in the absence of a Security Council resolution imposing economic sanctions, even though vigorous orcement of Japan's existing laws on the transfer of money would likely narrow the pipe-

The Japanese officials repeated their pledge, however, to cut the funds off as soon as the Security Council enacted economic sanctions.

Ripple From Whitewater: Public Fears New Gridlock

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The Clintons Head for Sports Pages

By Dan Balz

Washington Past Service RACINE Wisconsin - The American public believes that Washington is consumed with Whitewater - and they resent it.

Americans may be skeptical of President Bill Clinton's health care plan, anxious about violent crime and alternately worried and hopeful about the economy. And not all are bullish about Mr. Chinton's performance.

But in interviews with Washington Post reporters, they appear united on Whitewater: To most, it seems to be either small potatoes or ancient history, or both.

The attention Whitewater has received and the sense of endless, partisan bickering over that and other issues in Washington have left Americans feeling dejected about Washington and fearful that government gridlock could once again paralyze the country.

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"It's like we're coming down the road and coming to a 'Y' and going down the wrong fork," said Tom Terry, who runs a small refrigeration company in Burlington, Wisconsin.

As a mall security officer in Newburgh, New York put it, the situation in Washington is "as bad as the Civil War, what goes on between Democrats and Republicans down there. "And every freshman class gets pounded

Hillary Clinton, wearing a Cubs cap, tossed out the first ball of the National

League baseball season in Chicago on Mon-

day, then watched Karl Rhodes hit solo

home runs in his first three at bats against

the New York Mets - tying an opening day

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down by the guys with seniority, so the voice of the people doesn't get heard." A recent Washington Post-ABC News Poll found that, despite an improving economy, two out of three voters believe the country is off

The poll found that while 76 percent of those surveyed say Mr. Clinton "has a vision for the

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future of the country," only 54 percent believe he is getting things done. That gap may reflect the pessimism people feel about how things are working in Washington.

Reporters for The Post spent part of last

week trailing four House Democrats in Wisconsin, New York, North Carolina and California, and talking to their constituents during the

The public's agenda is dominated by health care, and the lawmakers spent part of their time fielding questions about it at town meetings or

touring senior citizen centers. Representative Maurice D. Hinchey, Democrat of New York, held a meeting in Newburgh, and 90 to 100 people turned out. Most had questions about health care, and after two See CLINTON, Page 4

record. Meanwhile, in Cleveland. President

Bill Clinton, wearing an Indians cap, threw

the American League's first pitch, then flew

to North Carolina for the finals of the

NCAA basketball champiouship, featuring his beloved Arkansas against Duke. Page 21.

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A Palestinian woman pulling a boy away from an Israeli soldier who had wanted to arrest him Monday for throwing stones during clashes in Jericho on the West Bank.

By David Hoffman

Washington Poor Service
DUGIT, Israeli-Occupied Gaza Strip —
As the sun set over the Mediterranean, Michal Eitan, a 30-year-old Jewish settler, packed up her family and left the Gaza Strip, pitching a tent on the sand dunes just inside the border with Israel.

"I've had it up to here," she said Monday, explaining why a dozen families from one of the smallest Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip had suddenly left their community in the days before Palestinian self-rule.

"We had a dream, but the price became too high for this dream," she said. "We felt we are no longer safe."

For the families of Dugit, it was a pragmatic move, demonstrating their feelings of vul-nerability, and fears for their personal securi-

ty, in the midst of Gaza's convulsions. But it was also a highly symbolic move because the families of Dugit became the first Jewish settlement to voluntarily and publicly evacuate their community as Palestinian selfrule in the Gaza Strip and Hebron approach-

They did what Jewish settlers in the heart of Hebron have vowed never to do. Unlike the observant, ideological Jews who claim a biblical right to live in the center of Hebron, the families of Dugit said they had come to seek a better way of life. Their decision to leave offers the most graphic example so far of the strains the Israeli settlement movement is under. Settlers without strong ideological commitments are becoming the first to look for shelter inside Israel. Last week, a Palestinian fired a shot at a resident of Dugit as he drove along the road

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Islamic Revolt Pushes Algeria Near Civil War

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service PARIS - The armed forces defending Alge-

ria's military government, and the Islamic fundamentalists fighting to overthrow it, are splitting into warring clans of diminishing loyalty, pushing the North African nation of 28 million people closer to a full-fledged civil war, say Algerians who make frequent trips to France or who have fled here. Algerians active in politics assert that, as the

death toll for foreigners and citizens rises, the daily armed confrontations between fundamentalists and authorities are turning into a free-for-all where various armed groups are adopting their own political agendas and using force to support their views.

"We are slipping toward a Kabul-like scenario, where the Afghans are shooting at each other and everyone else," Said Saadi, leader of the Assembly for Democracy and Culture, a vehemently secularist political opposition party, said in an interview in Paris.

In the past few weeks Algerians involved in politics, including former prime ministers and current officials, have multiplied their visits to Paris to seek counsel, refuge and help from

Thousands of Algerians have been pouring into France over the last several days, and a substantial number of the families of the ruling elite have already moved to France.

Foreigners — the largest contingent is

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Miracle in Moscow as Western Goodies Hit Market

By Margaret Shapiro Washington Past Service

MOSCOW - Two days after the American Bar and Grill opened with a hamburger-and-ribs menu designed to soothe the longings of the expatriate, every table was full from 2 P.M.

Business is also booming for the new American dry-cleaning shop, which uses imported chemicals and equipment, and for the Tex-Mex bar, The Moscow Times daily newspaper, the American medical clinic, the foreign-owned supermarkets and anything else that caters to Moscow's burgeoning American community. Moscow was once an exotic locale that attracted only a

hardy few, mostly diplomats and journalists, who lived in enforced isolation, shopped at the few meager foreigner-only stores and traveled abroad to buy tinfoil, toilet paper, peanut butter, cranberry juice and other American staples.

Today, this city has become an expat boomtown, with services and stores unimaginable only months ago, albeit at

stratospheric prices. Almost weekly, the expatriate grapevine lights up with news of another miracle — Pop Tarts have appeared, or balsamic vinegar, or frozen waffles or even the finest American cat litter.

None of this is to say that life in Moscow has become a stroll to the mall. "This is still not utopia," says Jeffrey M. Zeiger, a nioneer" who opened Moscow's first American eatery in 1989. "In fact, it's a long way from utopia."

Indeed, for someone accustomed to life in the West, Moscow is still a hardship post. Coups, tank battles, diphtheria epidemics, mafia shoot-outs, uncontrolled crime and grime, rising ultranationalism and haywire inflation make daily life a nerveracking challenge.

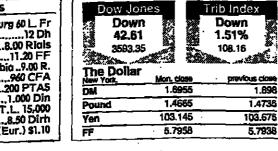
But the change in Moscow is such that newcomers must endure tales of the bad old days from those who came as recently as three years ago, days when foreigners were still stuck in government-designated ghettos, lettuce was a rarity and there was a choice of eating at horrible restaurants with bad service or bad restaurants with horrible service.

"Basically, any foreigner who has been here more than two years can wax poetic about how hard it was then and how easy it has become now, that's how quickly it has changed," says Michael Heizer. Mr. Hetzer, who has been here since 1990. is a columnist for an English-language daily, The Moscow Times. itself less than two years old.

The change can be traced fairly directly to the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 and the subsequent introduction of a free-market economy by a Russian government committed to integration with the West. Foreign and Russian entrepreneurs quickly found the one group with money to spend -foreigners and began setting up dollar-only stores and services to attract them. A few tiny food markets opened, some clothing stores, a computer store, an American-run hotel with a cappuc-

Soon the flood of foreigners into Russia began, swelling to 100,000 today by some estimates. At first they remained See EXPATS, Page 4

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Serbs Said to Close In on Gorazde

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzego-- Serbian forces broke through the Muslim front line along the southern edge of the besieged Bosnian enclave of Gorazde on Monday, Sarajevo radio

The Muslim-controlled radio said a number of villages had been overrun, causing many casualties, while other villagers fled toward the town of Gorazde it-

There was no immediate confirmation of the report from the United Nations, which has military observers in Gorazde.

The radio described the situation as "dramatic" and said Serbian artillery fire had intensified at around 7 P.M. Earlier, the commander of UN

troops in Bosnia, Sir Michael Rose of Britain, said he planned to visit the enclave, which has been under Serbian attack for the past week, to assess the situation. Lieutenant General Rose told

reporters after meeting that the Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, at his headquarters at Pale, near Sarajevo, that he would go to Gorazde on Wednesday. "We both agreed we needed

more accurate reports" from Gorazde, he said, and "we intend to increase the number of UN-MOS," or UN military observers. Speaking at the weekend, Gen-

eral Rose said he doubted the Serbs had the capability to over-UN officials in Sarajevo said the Bosnian Serbs had refused to

allow more military observers into Gorazde, which is supposed to be a "safe haven" under UN Major Rob Annink, a UN mili-

tary spokesman, said Serbian artillery and tank fire hit the town and the front lines on Sunday. A civilian was killed and a soldier in the Muslim-led army and four civilians were wounded in the fighting, he said at a news brief-

Major Annink said the UN Protection Force had suspended its plan to send more military observers to reinforce the present four-man team in Gorazde because the Serbs encircling the enclave had refused to allow them

The Serbs, he said, had told the

Bosnia, including Gorazde.

Apart from the military ob-

servers, the international presence in Gorazde, where 65,000 people are trapped, is limited to a handful of aid workers.

Amid reports of the deterioration in Gorazde, the International Committee of the Red Cross suspended plans for immediate

lims and Croats from Prijedor in mean the Red Cross should evac-northern Bosnia after Mr. Karad- uate thousands of people. zic placed drastic limits on the "So at the end of these very number of people he would allow to go, a Red Cross official said on the content to be applied," Mr.

The Red Cross delegation chief in Bosnia, Andreas Kuhn, said in Sarajevo that Mr. Karadzic said he was ready to let leave most

The Red Cross had planned to evacuate non-Serbs from the Prijedor area following reports that up to 20 Muslims and Croats had been killed in a new outbreak of



The Serbs, he said, had told the UN forces that they should delay sending in the observers because of "Muslim offensives and vari
TOGETHER AT EASTER —Avakum Rosio, the only Orthodox priest still in Sarajevo, kissing the cross of the city's Roman Catholic archbishop, Vinko Pulic, at an Easter Monday reception at the archbishop's residence. The head mufti of the Bihac-area Muslims, Hasan Makio, looked on.

Croatian Serbs Think the Unthinkable

By John Pomfret Washington Post Service

KNIN, Croatia - Lazar Matsura has all the makings of an ultranationalist. He lives in this region of barren hills, poor soil and high Party, which is one of the most extremist groups in what used to be Yugoslavia.

For four years he has worked as an ideologue and a politician in Serbian-held Croatia and has played an important role in the establishment of the self-proclaimed Serbian Republic of Krajina. That's why Mr. Matsura's new message seems so unusual.

Sitting in a dim café in this capital of the breakaway Serbian state, Mr. Matsura states that he and many other Serbs living in this rural backwater would be willing to end their struggle against the Croatian government and accept its rule.

"If the Croatian government grants us equal rights, we could live as citizens of Croatia," said the former English teacher, who heads the parliamentary committee on foreign affairs for the self-styled Serbian Re-

"If Croatia could be something like Canada, where Croats, Serbs, Africans, Chinese and everybody else lives together, that would he wonderful

Mr. Matsura's professed moderation is becoming more common here.

But these days, the 300,000 people estimated to inhabit this region are feeling more isolated than usual in their rocky mountain villages. A Balkans peace plan being pushed by the United States and Russia has placed them on the auction block and chances are increasing that the Krajina Serbs will be

abandoned by President Slobodan Milosevic Mr. Matsura and others to prepare for a of Serbia in exchange for a chunk of Serbiandiplomatic solution to the problem in Serbiandiplomatic solution to the serbiandiplomatic soluti of Serbia in exchange for a chunk of Serbianeconomic sanctions against Yugoslavia, which now consists of Serbia and Montene-

Just four months ago, Mr. Maisura was effect this week, that would set the stage for a winning a seat in Krajina's parliament on a resumption of trade and transportation links campaign of "no defeat, no surrender" to the Croatian government. Today, he talks about accommodation with Croatia and speaks of reunification almost as inevitable

"We must learn to live with the Croats," he said. "Of course, we'd rather join our brothers in Serbia, but if that's impossible, we really have no choice."

His turnabout highlights an important point about recent negotiations in the Bal-cans, bringing the area closer to peace than it has been since the war in Croatia erupted in 1991. While nationalism has been the dominant creed in the conflicts, for many of the politicians it has been a tool to secure a stranglehold on power. If no longer useful, it could be tossed on the region's junk pile of used ideologies.

This phenomenon was illustrated most recently by Krajina's sworn enemy, President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia. In less than six weeks, Mr. Tudiman abandoned his plan to carve out a Croatian-controlled chunk of Bosnia and facilitated the renewed alliance of

Croatian and Muslim factions there. As with Mr. Matsura, Mr. Tudjman did not appear to undergo a conversion; indeed, both men emphasized they had not changed their beliefs. They were simply bending with the prevailing winds. In the last weeks, pres-sure has increased on political leaders such as

controlled Bosnia and an end to international economic sanctions against Yugoslavia, Last week in the Russian Embassy in Za-

greb, Croatian and Serbian negotiators conbetween the two sides for the first time in four years. If these links are re-established, U.S. and Russian diplomats say, a political solution could follow quickly.

United Nations officials say Serbian officials are hinting that some type of arrangement with Croatia will be possible under which Kraiina recognizes Croatia's sovereignty over the region.

The region's president, Mile Martic, has informed a senior UN official in the area, for example, that a plan to grant Krajina significant autonomy could possibly be accepted,

"Before, they used to say, "Never. We will fight to the last child," the UN official said. "Now we are hearing a different jargon. There's more talk of compromise and deals."

■ Rivals Pull Back Weapons

The Croatian Army and opposing Serbian forces began pulling back heavy weapons Monday under a cease-fire agreement aimed at formally ending their 1991 war, The Associated Press reported from Zadar, Croatia.

The agreement is considered a step toward ending the war in neighboring Bosnia-Herzegovina by isolating Bosnia's Serbs and putting additional pressure on them to accept a peace settlement.

6 More Are Linked To Mexican Killing

By Tod Robberson

Washington Past Service
MEXICO CITY — The Mexican government said Monday that several individuals conspired in the March 23 assassination of Luis Donaldo Colosio, the ruling party's presidential candidate, and that more than one gumman apparently was involved.

The government's special investigator in the assassination, Miguel Montes Garcia, announced that at least six individuals assisted the accused gunman, Mario Aburto Martinez, in carrying out the killing while Mr. Colosio was campaign-ing in the border city of Tijuana. Two of them remain at large. Mexican press reports have iden-

tified some of the alleged accomplices as members of a security detail. Four alleged conspirators already have been arrested, Mr. Montes said Monday.

The government still has not

identified a motive. As candidate of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, which has not lost a presidential election since 1929, Mr. Colosio's election to the presidency was virtually assured.

Videotapes and photographs released since March 23 show several individuals conversing with Mr. Aburto before the shooting, helping clear a path through supporters around the candidate during a campaign rally, and finally block-who was oning Mr. Colosio's security guards so bodygnards.

him after killing his security guard.

Alfred Petters, 37, had been kidnapped by up to 15 gunmen who stopped his vehicle on Thursday a few hundred meters from a United Nations checkpoint and killed his guard, who was riding in a second car. that Mr. Aburto could get close to

Mr. Aburto placing a pistol directly to the back of Mr. Colosio's head and firing once, fatally injuring him. A second shot was fired into Mr. Colosio's abdomen, and although investigators originally said the bullet came from Mr. Aburto's 38-caliber pistol, enough evidence has surfaced to suggest that a sec-ond gunnan may have fired it.

Mr. Montes did not say whether the second gunman, who remains unidentified and at large, actually

palacio as the organizer of the group. According to the weekly magazine Proceso, Mr. Rivapalacio is a member of the ruling party's municipal political council in Ti-juana and a former chief homicide investigator for the judicial police of Baja California, Tijuana's state. According to Mr. Montes, at

least two other persons - Tranquilino Sánchez Venegas and Vicente Mayoral Valenzuela — are in cus-tody on suspicion of helping push back crowd members and open a path for Mr. Aburto.

the candidate. Photos show a man identified as

fired his gun before escaping. He identified Jose Rodolfo Riva-

Mr. Mayoral's son, Rodolfo Mayoral Esquer, also is under arrest. Mr. Montes said the son's job was to "push and hinder the ac-tions" of a Mexican Army colonel who was one of Mr. Colosio's

French Surrender To Outraged Vets

By Barry James onal Herald Tribune

PARIS - Ceding to an international outcry, the French government said Monday that it would not requisition hotel rooms booked by veterans for the 50th anniversary of the Normandy landings.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Richard Duque, said the veterans' reservations would be "honored as planned." Canadian veterans were said to

be "spitting blood" over the issue, and one group of French veterans complained that the affair "shows the incurable contempt of the princes who govern us toward common mortals.

The newspaper Le Monde said the anger of the veterans was understandable, given that they had helped liberate France and that many of their comrades had died on its beaches.

Le Monde said the government's authoritarian manner of "brutally" annulling the reservations had cast a note of bitterness over the com-

Mr. Duque insisted that "there is no polemic and no problem."

agitation but the news that got out did not correspond to the truth," he The management of the Hôtel

Royal and the Hotel du Golf in Deanville stuck to their story that they had been ordered to set aside rooms reserved by the veterans to make way for visiting royalty and

The regional administration of Calvados, where most of the D-day beaches are situated, had said earlier that "some veterans will in effect be moved from the hotel where

WASHINGTON - The Su-

decide whether people upset over new restrictions in an airline's fre-

The justices said they would hear

an appeal by American Airlines

that says that allowing such law-

suits "threatens the economic sta-

bility of the airline industry."

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they had planned to stay in Deauville because of needs with respect to lodging foreign heads of state." British and Canadian veterans said their reservations had been made two years ago and had been accompanied by deposits.

LISBON (AP) — The Angolan capital, Luanda, was without electricity and low on drinking water Monday after rebels of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola knocked out high-power lines. The veteran's representatives said they had been told they were to be lodged in private homes, which would defeat their objective of a reunion in the same place.

The Canadian ambassador to France, Benoît Bouchard, said his government had been "surprised and even disappointed" to learn that the reservations had been canceled. "We hope there will be no repetition of this kind of incident before June 6," he said. "The veterans are the heroes of this celebra-

Mr. Duque, asserting that there was "no question of jeopardizing the reservations," said that France would "welcome and honor in the best conditions all those who

fought for its freedom."

A former British paratrooper,
Angus Cross, 69, who reserved
rooms at the Hôtel du Golf for
more than 100 Canadians, said that
the veterans were "guitting blood"

Tellamic Tout said on Monday. the veterans were "spitting blood" or Islamic Trust, said on Monday. over reports of the cancellations.

"It's a right dog's dinner but we have a legally binding contract and we're going in guns blazing," he

Mr. Duque was asked whether the dignitaries, rather than the veterans, would be billeted on the local populace, "Of course not," he

But he did not say what would be done to solve the problem of enormous overcrowding at the June commemoration, which is scheduled to be attended by at least 15 heads of state and government.

The official said that the Waof barred non-Muslims from entering the

mosque in March in protest at the alleged infringement of freedom of worship by police officers who limited the ages and numbers of worshipers who could enter. He said the closing was also a condemnation of the killing by a Jewish settler of more than 30 Palestinian worshipers in a Hebron mosque in late February.

WORLD BRIEFS

Somalis Free Abducted Aid Worker

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — An American Red Cross worker was released unharmed on Monday by Somali gummen who had abducted

Suzanne Hofstetter, the head of the International Committee of the Red

Paris May Sell Submarines to Pakistan

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said Monday that France was holding talks with Islamabad on selling French subma-

"Yes, we are having discussions" on the proposed sale to Pakistan, he said in an interview during an official visit to the Indian capital. He declined to identify the submarines France could sell to Pakistan. India has fought three wars with Pakistan since both countries became independent from Britain in 1947.

Indian officials said the proposed sale would strain relations with France. "Any sale of submarines to Pakistan would raise the already high

temperature very drastically," an Indian diplomat said. "We don't believe

ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan (AP) — Public records show that Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the Russian nationalist leader who campaigns on anti-Semitic themes, had a Jewish last name until age 18.

political significance in Russia because of his attacks on Jews. His Liberal Democratic Party won 23.5 percent of the national vote in December's parliamentary elections, and much of his political strength rests on extreme nationalists who are virulently anti-Semitic.

The public records were found by a reporter working for The Associated Press and CNN in four archives here, where Mr. Zhirinovsky was born

and raised. Although the records do not say specifically who his father was, his surname listed on his birth registration is Excelshtein, Docu-

ments show he applied for and received permission to change his name

NEW DELHI (AP) — The leader of India's most populous state survived an assassination attempt Monday by a man who tried to stab

him, a news agency reported.

Mulayam Singh Yadav, chief minister of Uttar Pradesh state in northern India, was attacked during a public meeting at his residence in Lucknow, United News of India said. The assailant rose from a chair as

Mr. Yadav walked past, grabbed him by the neck and began pulling a

knife out of his pocket, it said. Two security guards overpowered the

The assailant was identified as Vasant Telang, 21, from Pune, in the

The attack on the lines between the capital and a major power station

Cambambe to the southeast came as peace talks in Lusaka, Zambia,

appeared stalled and the United Nations Security Council prepared to discuss further sanctions against the rebel group, known by its acronym

The Portuguese news agency Lusa cited Angolan military officials as

saying the rebels had closed in on areas southeast of Luanda over the

weekend, sabotaging the lines and occupying the towns Zenza de Hombe and Maria Terese between Luanda and Cambambe. The rebels last

carried out a major sabotage attack against the capital in January 1993, just before both sides abandoned the last round of peace talks and

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western state of Maharashtra. The city is a stronghold of Shiv Sena, a fundamentalist Hindu group allied with the Bharatiya Janata Party; which lost Uttar Pradesh to Mr. Yadav's coalition in elections last year.

Angola Rebels Cut Power to Capital

attacker. Mr. Yadav, who fell, suffered only a scratch.

in Portuguese, UNITA.

India State Leader Survives Assault

from Eidelshtein to Zhirinovsky in June 1964.

Mr. Zhirinovsky vehemently denies that he is Jewish. His origins have

<u>Zhirinovsky Name Change Is Found</u>

anyone supplying them to Pakistan is truly working for peace."

Cross in Somalia, said no ransom had been paid for his release.

rines to Pakistan.

More than 15,000 Athens taxi drivers began a two-day strike over a proposed tax of 200,000 drachmas (\$800) a year that would be added to the current Greek income tax.

A hotel fire in Amman killed at least one guest, an Italian tourist, and injured 15 people. An employee of the Forte Grande Hotel said a British guest had died after jumping from a second-story window to escape the fire, but the British Embassy and security officials contradicted the employee's report. The general manager of the hotel said the blaze might have been caused by a cigarette tossed onto the carpet in the lobby. (AP) The Warsaw airport control tower was closed for seven hours, and hundreds of flights were delayed or diverted, because of damage to

communications lines caused by heavy rain.

Now, Russia's Defense Chief Signs On to NATO Program

MOSCOW — Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev confirmed Monday that Russia planned to sign up for NATO's Partnership for Peace program this month, and he demed suggestions of a split in the

He told the Itar-Tass press agency that he and Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev had sent the appropriate documents to President Boris N. Yeltsin, who had given his support to the proposal.

"We hope Andrei Kozyrev will sign a framework agreement in Brussels in April on Russia's joining the Partnership for Peace program," General Grachev said after meeting in Moscow with Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali of the United Nations.

"On the whole I do not see any disagreement in the government and presidential structures on this question," General Grachev said. Fourteen countries from the former Soviet bloc have signed the partnership deal, a program of joint exercises and military coopera-tion between NATO members and their former adversaries.

Moscow sent out sharply contrasting signals last week about the East-West military cooperation plan, confusing the Western alliance. Mr. Yeltsin's spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov, first said that Russia could take six or seven months to make a final decision or whether to join. Mr. Kozyrev said later that Mr. Kostikov might have been misunderstood and that Russia would sign up this mouth.

No UN Status for Russia's Ex-Soviet Peacekeeping

MOSCOW — The United Nations secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, met with President Boris N. Yeltsin on Monday to discuss peacekeeping in the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.
On the eve of the Kremlin meeting, Mr.

the status of UN peacekeepers in such former

Soviet republics as Georgia and Tajikistan,

which are riven by fighting.

Butros Ghali ruled out giving Russian troops

"It is impossible," Mr. Butros Ghali said in an interview on Russia's new Independent Television network, "since the UN cannot conduct a peacekeeping operation if it was not involved in it since the very beginning."

However, he said Russia either could contribute troops to UN-led peacekeeping operations in the former Soviet Union or could continue its own peacekeeping efforts alongside an independent UN force.

Russia wants its troops in Georgia, Tajikistan and other former Soviet republics to be granted the status of United Nations "blue helmets" but to remain under Moscow's command. Russia also has urged the West to help

pay for its peacekeeping efforts.

So far, the United Nations has refused those requests. Under UN rules, peacekeeping opera-tions are undertaken by multinational forces from neutral countries and the troops are under UN command.

The Illinois Supreme Court ruled that the airline could be sued over alleged violations of Illinois contract law and the state's Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business

Practices Act. Some participants in American's frequent-flier program, suing in be-half of all 4 million participants, challenged various restrictions the airline imposed when it retroactively modified the program in 1988.

WASHINGTON — The Su-preme Court agreed on Monday to lation Act of 1978, precludes such state court lawsuits. The lawsuit challenged American's change of policy on the num-

quent-flier program may sue in state courts for monetary damages. ber of seats on particular flights set aside for frequent-flier members and its practice of "blacking out" dates on which free or discounted flights were not available. The justices in 1992 told the Illinois Supreme Court to restudy its

initial decision to allow the lawsuit. The nation's highest court said the restudy should be based on its roling in a Texas case that bars states from regulating airline fare advertising. That decision said it is

After restudying the case, the Il-linois Supreme Court last Decem-ber again allowed the lawsuit.

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POLITICAL NOTES

A Presidents' Man Might Run HOUSTON - Former Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d is not ruling out a run for the White

While I haven't decided I'm going to run, I haven't decided I'm not going to run," he said in an interview with the Houston Post. "I have to decide if that's what I want to do with a good portion of the rest of my life."

Mr. Baker, who will turn 64 this month, held top posts in three Republican administrations. He was White House chief of staff for both Ronald Reagan and George Bush. "I know better than most what's involved," he said.

Mr. Baker said he had spent a year "laying low" after moving back to his native Houston from Washington, Recently, he has criticized President Bill Clinton on foreign policy, crime, health care and the economy. He also has started making rounds of the country, helping Republicans raise money and possibly amassing some political chits of his own.

Hard-Boiled White House Fun

WASHINGTON - Thousands of children trampled across the White House lawn Monday to roll hard-boiled eggs and catch a glimpse of Presi-dent Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton. They also got a chance to see the Easter bunny and hunt for colorful wooden eggs signed by the president and the first lady and hidden in straw. A few were signed by the first family's car, Socks.

Preparations for the event began well before Mr.

Clinton blew the whistle to start the Easter egg roll. "I woke up before dawn this morning." he told the crowd. "And when I got up just at dawn, I already saw the Easter bunnies out here walking around, plotting their strategies for the day and getting ready."

The Clintons were carrying on a tradition begun more than 180 years ago by President James Madison and his wife, Dolley. The egg roll was held at the Capitol in those days. President Rutherford B. Hayes and his wife, Lucy, moved it to the White House in 1878 and it has been held there ever since,

Away From Politics

• A convict who volunteered to be executed was put

to death by lethal injection in Texas. Richard Lee

Beavers, 38, who was convicted of kidnapping and

murdering a Houston restaurant manager and rap-ing the manager's wife in 1986, was pronounced

dead about eight minutes after state officials began the flow of lethal drugs into tubes attached to his

arms. He was put to death at the state prison at Huntsville, north of Houston, state officials said.

He became the third man executed in Texas this

• Fire gutted an amusement park ride in El Paso,

Texas, seriously burning four passengers, three of them children. Nine persons, including a fire fight-er, were injured in the blaze at Western Playland.

No buildings were damaged other than the Gold Nugget, a thrill ride through what is designed to

• The Menendez estate has dwindled to a little

more than \$2 million and owes more than its

look like an abandoned gold mine.

except during the two world wars. The White House said about 42,000 children participated last year and more were expected this year. (Reuters)

Can Ex-Senator Jump Line?

ROCKVILLE, Maryland - After three decades in public life, William E. Brock 3d is regarded as one of the most skilled politicians in the Republican Party. But his decision to run for the Senate from Maryland 17 years after serving as a senator from Tennessee has puzzled even his biggest admirers.

Of the many reasons put forth by his friends as to why Mr. Brock should not return to the fray of elective politics, this is the most persuasive: He would probably lose. Though he could make history as the first senator elected by popular vote from two different states, Democrats are already attack-

ing him as a carpetbagger.

If he survives a handful of opponents in the September primary, Mr. Brock would face Senator Paul S. Sarbanes, a three-term Democratic incumbent who is considered by the national Republican

Party to have a relatively secure seat.

Mr. Brock, who served from 1971 to 1977, acknowledges that he has few fond memories of the "poisonous atmosphere" that surrounded the Wa-tergate scandal. "I think it's worse now than it was," he said. So why doesn't he go back and tend to his consulting firm, enjoy the millions he inherited from his family's candy forume and spend time with his grandchildren at his waterside estate near Annapolis, Maryland?

Mr. Brock said he was running because he knew the issues and could have more influence than he did now as a member of several volunteer organizations. "I just decided that I could make a difference, that I am truly, deeply worried about the direction of this country," he said. (NYT)

Quote/Unquote

Gary Suo, a high school teacher in Wisconsin, on the Whitewater issue; "I think Bill Clinton is doing one helluva job and he deserves our support. He's taking on the tough issues and I definitely think he's getting a burn rap. I think the press is doing a terrible job of covering it." (WP)

assets, according to court records. Jose and Kitty

Menendez were estimated to have been worth

\$14.5 million when they were killed in their Beverly

Hills, California, home by their sons, Erik and

Lvie, in 1989. Records show that after the slayings

the estate took several huge losses, including \$1.8

million from selling furniture and bonds, \$1.2 million in the sale of the home, and \$531,000 in a

• The countdown has begun for the launching of the

shuttle Endeavour. The nine-day flight, beginning

Thursday, is part of NASA's Mission to Planet

Earth, an ongoing program to study the planet from space. The crew will takes pictures from above the Amazon River, the Andes, the Alps,

Patagonia, the Galapagos Islands, the Sahara,

Death Valley and other sites. Meanwhile, Earth

will be scanned by what NASA says is the most

sophisticated radar ever sent into space for envi-

ronmental purposes.

In New Texas, Computers Fuel the Rebound

By Sue Anne Pressley Washington Post Service

SUGAR LAND, Texas - After 15 years of booms and busis and painful recovery, a new Texas is taking shape in the former cotton time, the emphasis is suits instead of boots.

lakes and pampered pansy beds and mechanical graders working daily to convert still more fields to same in this big. 1970s and 80s were chronicled limitless. through the ups and downs of

perhaps best explained through the tion of an oil bust, a real estate state's outsized virtues. explosive growth and emerging crash and a second oil bust devascharacter of Fort Bend County.

Population surveys place this county of nearly 250,000 people fields of Fort Bend County. This third among the nation's fastestgrowing white-collar addresses, and its rapid development reflects a Texans here live in big brick trend that is likely to make Texas houses, surrounded by artificial stronger, if more predictable, in

Some things will never be the same in this big, bluff state. There tidy residential parcels. They have were the glory years, when oil high-paying jobs, lots of children reigned, men with calluses on their and 14 golf courses. Many of these
Texans used to be Californians.

If the fortunes of Texas in the
future of a shrewd Texan seemed

Then came the lean years of the

tated many a spirit and bank account in just five years.

In what some might view as typical Texas fashion, however, the state economy has made a smart rebound, shifting from oil, natural gas, cotton and cattle to the more sober and perhaps more stable endeavors of the future, the computer and service industries.

And, in a fortuitous twist, the state's highly publicized fall contributed nicely to its resurgence. Because of its earlier troubles, the cost of doing business in Texas has been considerably lower than the national average, a fact employed successfully by state and local offi-

The results have been convinc-

is still recovering from the 1990-91 recession that Texas never experienced, Each year since 1990, Texas has been the fastest growing of the 10 most populous states, both in people and jobs. In a recent 12month period it gained 180,000 jobs, as many as California lost.

Last week, demographers with the U.S. Census Bureau predicted that sometime this year, Texas (pop. 18,031,484) will outstrip New York (pop. 18,197,154) to become the nation's second most populous state behind California.

But every gain has its price. As Texas shifts from its long dependence on natural resources to a new focus on human resources - and the business, health and recreation services they can provide — the state that has always prided itself

ness and Economic Analysis at not the petroleum industry — is Texas A&M University and author now Houston's largest employer. of a monthly newsletter on the state

"We're unique, maybe, because we're a younger and growing popu-lation, more ethnic," he said. "But if you look at our economy, can you

Houston, the Texas of the '90s is '80s, when the freakish combina- cials working overtime to sell the really tell when you leave Dallas and go to Los Angeles? We like to think of ourselves as different. We ing. Much of the rest of the nation cling to those myths. But I think, by and large, they are gone."

Of course, any attempt to define, or redefine, the Texas economy collides with the fact that Texas is really not one state but five or six.

For every Austin, now ranked second behind California's Silicon Valley in the number of computerrelated jobs, there is a Midland. In that West Texas city, the quintessential oil town with its Petroleum Museum and the place where a young George Bush got his start as a wildcatter four decades ago, the job-growth rate last year was a scant three-tenths of 1 percent. At the same time, Austin registered a growth rate of 6.3 percent, well above the national average of 1.5.

The rise of Fort Bend County does not necessarily portend the on us uniqueness is not so different anymore.

"Texas now looks like the rest of the country so much more than we ever did before," said Jared Hazleton, director of the Center for Business and the country so much more than we ever did before, and Jared Hazleton, director of the Center for Business anymore.

But as the promotional Greater Houston Partnership is quick to point out, the city still reigns as the energy capital of the United States, home to more than 5,000 energyrelated companies.



Billy Hendon, one the three American fact-finders being expelled by Vietnam, at his Hanoi hotel.

Hanoi to Expel 3 MIA Fact-Finders

The Associated Press

HANOI — Three Americans seeking evidence of their countrymen held prisoner after the Vietnam War have been denied access to an alleged underground prison and must leave the country, Vietnamese officials said Monday. The officials said the three insist-

ed on visiting a sensitive military installation in Vinh Phu Province, 60 miles (100 kilometers) northwest of Hanoi, that is off-limits to foreigners The officials said the three must leave because their visas were

The Americans are Billy Hendon, a former U.S. congressman from North Carolina; Beth Stewart, a Washington attorney and

daughter of an American pilot shot down during the war; and Lamont Gaston, head of a veterans organization. They had asked to enter the site during a fact-finding trip that began March 20.

Miss Stewart is chairwoman of

the POW Publicity Fund of Washington, and Mr. Hendon is a consultant for the organization. Mr. Gaston is national president of VietNow, a group based in Rockford, Illinois, Mr. Hendon said U.S. officials

responsible for investigating cases of missing American servicemen were overlooking Vietnamese pris-ons as a potential source of clues.

airplane wrecks," Mr. Hendon said. "Why don't they go" around the prisons and "interview the wit-The commander of the U.S. MIA

office in Vietnam, Lieutenant Colonel John Cray, said Mr. Hendon had not contacted him during his visit. But Colonel Cray said his task force had investigated a number of Vietnamese prisons, one as recently as last month, for signs of missing Americans

"The U.S. government looks at every piece of evidence that comes in, regardless of the source," Colonel Cray said. So far, he said, his unit has found no proof that Americans were imprisoned in Vietnam "They go and dig around the after the war.

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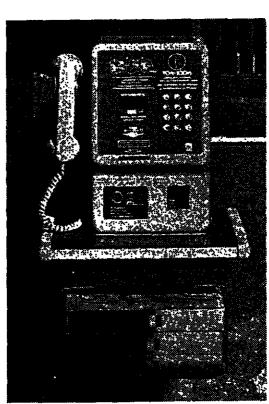
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China's No. 1 Rebel Vanishes

Beijing Won't Tell Diplomats Where He Is

New York Times Service BELJING - Wei Jingsheng has

disappeared. China's best-known dissident has not been seen by his family, his secretary or his associates in Beijing's democracy underground since Friday, when seven carloads of security agents arrested him.

A cryptic government statement on Saturday said Mr. Wei left a Public Security Bureau station "immediately" after an interrogation.

But the statement did not say whether he was in the custody of the police or whether he was taken to another place of detention, as his family and Western governments

now suspect.
The U.S. Embassy tried three times Monday, through diplomatic channels, to clarify Mr. Wei's status, but received no reply, a diplo-

"We are assuming that he is still being detained," the diplomat said, "just because we have not been able to confirm that he has been re-

If he is still in detention, the Saturday statement implying that Mr. Wei had been freed may have been a deliberate deception. Western diplomats said.

Though Mr. Wer's fate is not directly tied to President Bill Clinton's decision linking China's future status as an American trading partner with its human rights record, the 43-year-old dissident is the most powerful symbol of the human rights campaign inside the

His continued detention, after 141/2 years imprisonment, can only inflame the atmosphere surrounding China's bid to uncouple its trade relations from international concern over human rights abuses.

In a separate development Monday, Beijing court authorities confirmed that a reporter for the Hong

and when he was being deprived of political rights," the ministry offi-Kong newspaper Ming Pao had been secretly tried, convicted and sentenced to 12 years in prison for the right to interrogate him according to the law," the official added.
One of Mr. Wei's associates said it seemed possible that Communist

his news-gathering activities.

The reporter, Xi Yang, was arrested last September and held in-

The court said Mr. Xi's newsgathering amounted to "stealing and spying on state secrets." Family members said they would petition the court to review the sen-

A clerk at the People's Bank of China, who was said to have provided Mr. Xi with information on interest rates and government gold purchases, was sentenced to 15

The stiff sentences stunned Mr. Xi's colleagues, many of whom gather news on the mainland every day and live under the threat of similar action when they penetrate deeper than government propagan-

The fate of a second reporter, Gao Yu, arrested in Beijing at the same time on unspecified charges, is still unknown. She was seized as she prepared to leave for an aca-demic year at Columbia Universi-

In this season of focus on China's rights record, the sentencing of Mr. Xi and his banking source to long terms is likely to further inflame sentiments against the Com-munist Party leadership, as will the disappearance of Mr. Wei, who had a strong following in Hong Kong. Chinese police and Foreign Min-

istry officials claimed to have no knowledge of Mr. Wei's whereabouts, or refused to take questions

A Foreign Ministry spokeswom-an asserted that the reason for Mr. Wei's interrogation was his violation of the conditions of his parole.

"According to the information from the competent departments, Wei Jingsheng violated relevant regulations when he was on parole

As Sicily Turns Right, Anti-Mafia Crusade Fizzles

By Alan Cowell

New York Times Service
PALERMO. Sicily — Two years after their protests ignited Sicily and galvanized the authorities into fighting the mob. Sicily's anti-Malia campaigners suffered a startling defeat in elections a week ago.

They became victims of the region's economic misery, a desire for change, and. paradoxically, the very zeal they brought to combating organized crime, losing the March 27-28 elections to the rightist alli-ance led by the media magnate Silvio Berlusconi. It was the same coalition they accused of being the mob's choice.

In November, Leoluca Orlando of the anti-Mafia La Rete party stormed to victory in the mayoral election here with a record 75 percent of the vote. But such has been the disenchantment with him since then that his party's representation in Parliament crumbled from 15 seats to 1. Several anti-Mafia campaigners attrib-

uted the turnaround to complex shifts in a conservative Sicilian society inspired by economic disappointment, the quest for a new political home after the collapse of the long-governing Christian Democrats and a sense among some Sicilians that the anti-Mafia campaign was running out of steam. In interviews with Sicilian intellectuals, journalists, politicians, and anti-Mafia campaigners, many spoke out against what they viewed as the inquisitorial nature of Mr. Orlando's administration. And some said the anti-Mafia campaign's close ties to the former Communists, who lost the election, undercut its support at a time when Sicily, like the rest of Italy, was

swinging to the right.
"This is a return to normal," said Guide Lo Porto, a member of the neofascist National Alliance, which campaigned across Italy with Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia party and the separatist Northern League of Umberto Bossi.

"Now we can live without the air of suspicion sown by Orlando." Mr. Lo Porto said, referring to his victory in a central Palermo district over Antonio Caponetto, a respected former judge who was a linch-pin of the anti-Mafia campaign and who helped send hundreds of mafiosi to jail in the much-publicized trials of the mid-

Like Mr. Lo Porto, other rightist Sicilians maintain that the anti-Mafia campaign had become a witch hunt, stilling economic activity and hurring ordinary people. Even before the early elections, Mr. Lo Porto declared that "Sicilians do not want a government of judges."

But to Marta Cimino, who helped in-spire Sicilians to protest against the mob by hanging bed sheets emblazoned with anti-Mafia slogans from their balconies. the electoral outcome "is very, very worry-

Our work will become much more difficult and so will Orlando's," she said. Since the killing of two anti-Mafia judges here two years ago, Palermo and other parts of Sicily have been seized with an anti-Mafia fervor that galvanized the authorities into enacting tougher legislation, thus providing assurance to investi-gators that their inquiries into organized crime would not be hindered by politi-

The results have been evident. Hundreds of millions of dollars of Mafia assets have been seized and some of the senior bosses jailed, including Salvatore (Toto) Riina, the reputed boss of all bosses.

The victories were all the more striking after the long years of Christian Demo-cratic dominance, in Sicily and elsewhere in Italy, which, Mafia informants have asserted, protected organized-crime groups from investigation and prosecution at the highest level.

With Italy's huge corruption scandal,

though, the Christian Democrats' power crumbled, leaving a void here and else-where in Italy that has evidently been

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filled by Mr. Berlusconi's rightist alliance, which took 43 of the 55 seats allotted to Sicily's 4 million voters. While opponents of Mr. Berlusconi as-cribe his alliance's success in part to sup-port from the island's 150 Maña families, an accusation that he rejects, many Sicilians argue that Mr. Orlando, who declined

to be interviewed, raised expectations that

he could not meet when he was elected

"People thought it was a magic moment," Ms. Cimino, the anti-Matia campaigner, said. "They thought the Mafia would be defeated and everything would be better overnight. And when nothing happened, it was a betraval."

"The struggle against the Mafia does not create jobs or fill stomachs," said Mario Centorrino, a Palermo journalist. After the excitement of the parades and the demonstrations in the piazza, there is still the pot to be filled and placed on the stove. And so there is a temptation to follow whoever promises to fill the pot and keep it filled."

Agostinho da Silva Dies, Portuguese Philosopher

The Associated Press

LISBON - Agostinho da Silva, 88. a nonconformist philosopher and a leading government critic during Portugal's half-century of dictatorship, died Sunday in a Lis-

He had suffered a stroke six months ago. Mr. da Silva left Portugal during

the rightist dictatorship of Antonio Salazar, saying that his "bachelor's degree in liberty and doctorate in anger" made him an ideal candidate for exile.

He roamed from Lisbon through Madrid and Paris to Africa, Asia, the United States and Brazil. He was master of 15 languages, and Portuguese students were inspired

by his extensive experience Mr. da Silva stayed in Brazil for 25 years, became a citizen and helped to found five universities. He returned to Portugal in the late 1960s, but did not regain his citizenship until 1992.

The white-haired, bearded philosopher also was an accomplished poet, novelist and critic of the arts. sciences, society and politics. As an aging professor, he spoke out for students' rights and frequently used the motto: "Man was born to create, not to work."

Sir Robert Cockburn, 85, **Electronic Warfare Pioneer**

LONDON (AP) — Sir Robert Cockburn, 85, the leader of an electronic warfare team in World War II whose work is credited with saving thousands of allied lives, died March 21 at Aldershot, a military garrison town southwest of Lon-Mr. Cockburn and his team of

scientists and engineers devised measures to jam navigational radio beams that the Germans had developed to guide their bombers to British cities. The successful operation resulted in many enemy bombers missing their targets, although the Germans went on to produce new, more sophisticated beam sys-

Later in the war, Mr. Cockburn and his team developed what the

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British codenamed "window" and the Americans "chaff" to counter German radar detection of allied bombers. Thin metallic foil strips released into the air created a radar echo as big as a bomber, baffling enemy radar crews about the loca-

Betty Furness, 78, Actress,

in New York of stomach cancer.

Miss Furness was a Hollywood ctress in the 1930s, and in the 1950s she became the well-known spokeswoman for Westinghouse appliances, telling millions of television viewers "You can be sure if it's Westinghouse." In the late 1960s and early '70s she worked as a consumer advocate, and in 1976 began a 16-year career as a consumer affairs reporter for the "Today" show on NBC television.

Maine, of Parkinson's disease.

tion of their real target. The tech-

As the allies' 1944 D-Day invasion approached, Mr. Cockburn and others developed a system to broadcast fake electronic signals to deceive the Germans about the location of the allied landings in Nor-

And Consumer Advocate

NEW YORK (AP) -Betty Furness, 78, who went from starring in B movies and TV ads for refrigerators to working as a consumer advocate and reporter, died Saturday

nique, first used during a raid ou Hamburg in July 1943, resulted in a sharp decline in bomber losses.

Raymond Geiger, 83, the editor of the Farmers' Almanac who brought weather forecasts, gardening tips and quips to readers for six decades, died Friday in Lewiston.

A father and daughter early Monday at a tent camp in Verahun, South Africa. They are refugees from the recent violence in KwaZuhu.

ZULUS: Dangers for South Africa in Underestimating Tribe's Strength

Continued from Page 1 fringe benefits for him, better than

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Party leaders, who have taken a

direct interest in Mr. Wei's case,

may want to keep him silent and

away from Beijing until after the the fifth anniversary of the military

crackdown at Tiananmen Square

By picking up Mr. Wei on Easter weekend, the authorities have avoided the international criticism

that surrounded the March 4 de-

At that time, President Bill Clin-

ton and Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher both made public

statements calling for Mr. Wei's

arrest was related to Mr. Wei's meeting on Feb. 27 with the State

Department's senior human rights

official, John Shattuck.

Chinese officials said the first

in June 1989.

tention of Mr. Wei.

what he is getting now. It will be No tribe in southern Africa arouses the mixture of fear and

romance inspired by the Zulus, the largest ethnic group, with about 7 million of 40 million South Africans, and the most nationalistic. Many Zulus are educated and

But even Zulus who despise Chief Buthelezi usually acknowledge some loyalty to the king, and a

strong sense of being Zulu.

It is the only remaining monarchy among the dozen or so tribes of South Africa, and the only tribe with such an imperial history. King Shaka, the brutal militarist of the early 19th century, built the Zulus by forcible amalgamation of many powerless clans and tribes into a war machine that gave nightmares

to both the British and the Boers. The history of battle is what unites the Zulus and encourages them," Chef Mlaba said. "No one else conquered the British Army. Although they were beaten later, they still believe they can maintain that sense of beating the oncoming government. That's their weakness. They forget that all that was in

Impetuous pride, Chief Mlaba

"They don't take things easy," he said. "They jump before looking into things seriously. It takes time to realize their mistake."

Mrs. Mzizi, whose husband is Zulu and who joined Inkatha when it was still a Zulu cultural movement, agreed: "They can tolerate to some extent, but when they are urbanized, and many — most polls say a majority — prefer the ANC to Chief Buthelezi's Inkatha.

angry nothing can stop them. Now it has reached a stage where no one can stop them."

The other thing history has bestowed upon most Zulus, she added, is an attachment to the land. "In their communities there was never any need to vote." Mrs. Mzizi

To the traditional Zulus, she said, the most burning issue is not political freedom or the right to vote, nor promises of modern houses and clinics. The issue is territory, which is held by the tribe and allocated by

"They believe they are the only nation that fought the British and the Boers, and so most of the things in South Africa belong to them, she said. When architects of apartheid de-

vised 10 black homelands, the one they created for the Zulus was a withered version of King Shaka's

On the map, KwaZulu is a

said, is a national trait of his peo-ple. Splotchy rash across the former educated, but did not penetrate British colony called Natal, the into the more remote rural areas. choicest parts of which whites kept for themselves.

On the ground, the boundaries are unmarked but unmistakable: wherever the undulating pasture heaves upward into eroded red hillsides, wherever the paved road turns to gravel, wherever the colonial-style plantations give way to huts and tin-roofed shanties, that is probably KwaZulu.

River, which crosses central Natal, is mostly rural, and overwhelmingly Inkatha. It is the stronghold of Žulu tradition.

The Zulus could have had their independence in the 1970s, when the South African government tried to spin off the fledgling home-

To Pretoria's fury, Chief Buthelezi, the homeland leader, refused. The chief, a cousin of the king, was happy to use the levers of tribal power, but he aspired to be more than an ethnic politician. He wanted to be a pan-African liberation leader, and his Inkatha movement to be a match for the ANC.

In the 1980s the ANC, through a surrogate called the United Democratic Front, moved strongly into Natal, targeting Inkatha. The congress and its allies made many converts in the cities and urban townships, among the young and Zulu interest group.

The rivalry was often violent, and it shattered what remained of

Zula unity. Although the young operatives of the ANC had little taste for what they called "the demon of tribalthey won over a number of Zulu chiefs, men who had fallen out with the royal family or who presided in areas near the cities and saw the inexorable encroachment

Inkatha, in turn, extended its reach to the Zulu migrant workers in the cities and townships around

staunch nonracial policies the ANC furthers the ambitions of the Xhosa tribe, including Mr. Man-

Xhosas, like the Zuhis an offshoot of the Nguni peoples who descended into Natal in the 16th century, predominate along the coast in the eastern Cape region.
Because they were the first to encounter European missionary education, they have been disproportionately represented among liberation leaders.

Why do you never write about the 'Xhosa-based ANC?' " Chief Buthelezi snapped during an interview last week, complaining that Inkatha is so often identified as a

Berlusconi and Ally At Impasse on Cabinet

mayor last year.

Agence France-Presse

ARCORE, Italy - A dispute escalated Monday between Silvio Berlusconi, whose Forza Italia party led Italy's general election, and his critical Northern League ally. making the chances of forming a government together increasingly

Mr. Berlusconi, the media mag-

nate who launched Forza Italia only a few months before last week's election, on Monday attacked the Northern League leader. Umberto Bossi, after failing to make headway on a new cabinet. Mr. Bossi has rejected Mr. Berlusconi as a candidate for the post of prime minister, demanded greater local autonomy as a condition for joining the government and declined a further meeting with him.

"Umberto Bossi seems to want to give way to the temptation of ing into the old rut" by includ-

ing in the process groups that were rejected" by electors, Mr. Berlusconi said in a statement from his home at Arcore, near Milan.

Mr. Bossi reacted by calling a news conference at his home in nearby Ponte Di Legno. "A party that does not exist has won the elections thanks to manipulation of television, creating a Kalkaesque situation," he said. "Citizens should understand that in such a situation, only the League can guarantee democracy.

Mr. Berlusconi had warned the League in his statement that its new deputies, elected thanks to the Forza Italia campaign, should remain loyal to its electors and al-

"We will never forget that Forza Italia is the movement that gave voters the means to demolish" the discredited old political system, he

med Bouslemani, was killed be-

President Mohammed Boudiaf.

who was assassinated in 1992 by

one of his bodygnards, is believed to have been killed on orders of

some of the military clans in the

army. Several pro-fundamentalist

activists and senior officials who

favored negotiations suffered simi-

The conflict has claimed the lives

of more than 4,000 Algerians and

34 foreigners in two years, and Mr.

Saadi, a major Algerian opposition

figure, warned there would be no

ditional weight because his move-

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among the estimated 3 million eth-

Mr. Saadi's comments carry ad-

Many of these Berbers have ties

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Those who have left point to the dramatic deterioration in law and order throughout the nation, reflected in a near paralysis of public and government services and a notable increase in armed attacks and counterattacks by fundamentalist and secularist vigilante groups sponsored by various clans.

tions in 1991. The military government cantaliated with a campaign of vio-lence that has continued since the

party went underground. But while much of the killing in the last 24 months has been carried out by fundamentalists and aimed at intellectuals and officials, there is little doubt that pro-government forces have indulged in subterfuge and killing as well.

Those who speak out in favor of negotiating an end to the killing often put their own lives at risk. A senior Islamic leader who em-

ALGERIA: Closer to Civil War

Continued from Page 1

French - are moving out, tourists are staying away, and France is worried about a tide of refugees.

The two-year spate of bloodshed began when a fundamentalist party, the Islamic Salvation Front, Johannesburg won the ruling majority in the litst Often, Zulus add that despite its round of free parliamentary elec-

> celed the next round of elections and outlawed the party, which is known by its French acronym, FIS. The Islamic Salvation Front re-

killing of women, some apparently because they were in public un-Such acts of violence are too diffuse and contradictory in their aims to be attributed clearly to one side or another.

According to these officials, at least two factions and perhaps as many as four have emerged within the military establishment, which has largely ruled the country since it became independent in 1962.

The army's chief of staff, General Mohammed Lamari, and the interior minister, General Selim Saadi, are pressing for a fight to the end with the fundamentalists, buttressed by a call from the army reserves of 170,000 soldiers and of-

SETTLERS: Some Settlers in the Gaza Strip Start Leaving After Finding the Price of Their Dream Too High'

border of Israel, on the northern end of the strip. The settlers had been unhappy for a long time with what they said was a lack of protection by the army.

Ironically, the Dugit families walked out about four hours after the main settlers' movement issued a news release announcing that Dugit was one of the small Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip that "wili cemain in place." "I came to build another life, a

safer life, out of the city," said Boda Salmon, a 26-year-old Israeli policeman, who took his wife and three children out of Dugit and brought them to the tent camp. "Now, we are afraid." Mr. Salmon and the other set-

village that they hoped would be-come a tourist attraction. The name, Dugit, means "a small fishing boat" in Hebrew. The dream was that they would sail during the day while others would operate a restaurant. Although they were in Gaza, it was so close to the border that they figured, wrongly, that someday they would be annexed by

ground.

Their hopes are reflected in an orange sign for tourists that Israel erected along the road, pointing to he heard about the decision on Du-

tlers came in 1990 to build a fishing a "Fisherman's Village." But despite years of effort by the settlers, the project never got off the

The settlement was a source of friction in 1989 when the Israeli cabinet approved it just before a visit by then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to Washington. Former President George Bush, who thought he had won a commitment from Mr. Shamir to curb settlement activity, became angry when

git just before Mr. Shamir's arrival children who arrived four years The Dugit families were never

military officials forced them to ac- said. cept. close to the Arab village of "Welle what's going on We just
Beit Lahiya. The settlers wanted to want to live a normal life. Now, I cept, close to the Arab village of them there. So they moved into the vided and decorated the pathways

with bright orange fishing rope.
"I just came here for dreams,"

But now, she said, the dreams happy with the location that Israeli have faded. "We are realists," she

be closer to the beach, but were don't leave my children alone. We told the army could not protect are afraid, really afraid. No one them there. So they moved into the was wounded on Friday, but we squat mobile homes they were pro- don't want to wait until someone is

"I just came here for dreams," take the caravans and go inside said Miri Shavit, a mother of two Israel. We fear the blood."

She added: "We just want to

EXPATS: Goodies Hit Moscow

CLINTON: New Public Fear of Gridlock Amid the Whitewater Furor

hours Mr. Hinchey had to cut off the questioning. Mr. Hinchey, an advocate of a single-payer system, like Canada has, found no consensus in the room. Many who spoke asked him to ex-plain how the Clinton plan would affect them. At one point he tried to describe the details of the administration proposal, and when he got to the issue of health alliances — the regional cooperatives that would serve as insurance marketplaces for the public - eyes in the

judge on the state workers compensation board, said the evident confusion "shows how badly Clinton has done in presenting his plan and how easy it is to attack any number of points in a complicated plan. Even though everyone wants reform, right now it is on the defensive." North Carolina, heard the Clinton plan criti-

The simplest way is the best way," said Eronomy Smith Muhammad, who helps small businesses get established and grow. But Al Pierce, a Fayetteville businessman, said people were afraid of illness because of the cost of care.

After hearing again from their constituents, the House members concluded the burden rests on Congress to fashion a compromise from all the competing plans and ideas. "They're confused, but I think they want something done." Mr. Hinchey said. "And I think we will be judged by whether we do the job or not."

In a week in which Wall Street was rocked by a 139-point doop in the Dow Jones industrial index.

The Wisconsin district of Representative Peter Barca, parts of which were hard hit a few years ago, has begun to bounce back after a deep recession. But Mr. Hinchey said his upstate New York district had lost about 60,000 jobs in the last three years.

John Moal, a state corrections department em-ployee from Yankee Lakes, New York.

If his plan is going to help the masses, I'm for formia, tried to tell his constituents that the

system is finally working.

But many people fear that Whitewater clouds the agenda and they resent it. "I think they've blown this out of proportion," said May Hol-land, a patient at a Fayetteville, North Caroli-

that deserves thorough investigation. Ron Dal-ton, a civil engineer in Racine, said be thought Mr. Clinton was "skirting right on the line" legally and had committed ethical violations. Mr. Barca admitted that many of his colagues fear that Whitewater could restore gridlock in Congress. During a visit to a high school government class in Racine, he showed the un-

Mr. Clinton had done something wrong "I don't know for sure, obviously," he said. "I hope he didn't. I'm optimistic that he did not."

Mr. Clinton remains a polarizing figure, but many people recognize that he is promoting an

ambitious domestic agenda. "Clinton is a lot better than I thought," said John Rhoades of Plattekill, New York. "I didn't think much of him when he was running,

isolated by a kind of "dollar apartheid," as foreign stores catered only to foreigners for foreign cur-

began demanding the same West-ern-style amenities. The result has been a transformation in Moscow, where virtually every central-city block has an array of imported goods, from furniture to food. Today, dollar stores are no more and

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Frustration with the woefully inefficient Russian postal system has led to the creation of two private mail services for expats. A branch of Zwemmers, an English book-store, carries the latest novels. Office equipment stores now carry

made-to-order snits, shirts and jackets. French and German department stores offer clothes and shoes that previously only found-their way here stuffed into a returning foreigner's suitcase. For some Moscow old-timers the

been almost too disorienting to handle. A British woman, a teacher who has lived here since the mid-1980s, recently recalled attending a, reception several years ago at the U.S. Embassy where a huge platter of caviar was served on a bed of with advertisements by recently ar- lettuce. It was the lettuce that ev-

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by the citrus groves and Arab vineyards. The shot ricocheted loudly inside this hamlet of mobile homes near the Green Line, the pre-1967

So, on Sunday night, most of the 6 families took tents and sleeping bags and moved to the campsite across the border and appealed to the Israeli government for help.

andience began to glaze over. Afterward, Jonathan Jacobson, a local law Representative Eva Clayton, Democratic of cized as too complicated at a care forum in

139-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial index while the government said the economy had produced 450,000 new jobs in February, the picture of the economic recovery was uneven.

Although the economy is not as powerful a political issue as it was two years ago, anger with Congress has not abated. "Sixty percent of them are crooks and they make it impossible for the other 40 percent to get their jobs done," said

To counteract such impressions, Representative Anthony C. Beilenson, Democrat of Cali-

na, clinic, who nonetheless said she thinks Mr. Clinton may have done something wrong. A few believe Whitewater is a serious issue

ease many House Democrats feel about possible political impact of the issue when asked whether

everything is on sale for rubles, although most Western goods re-main beyond the reach of average

dubbed into Russian, there is a sleek new movie theater that shows newly released U.S. films and even serves popcorn. Several radio stations now broadcast in English with American-style disc jockeys. Two English-language newspapers are now published and are filled rived Western firms looking to hire. cryone attacked first.

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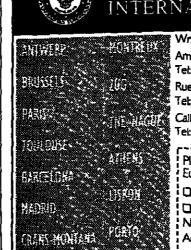
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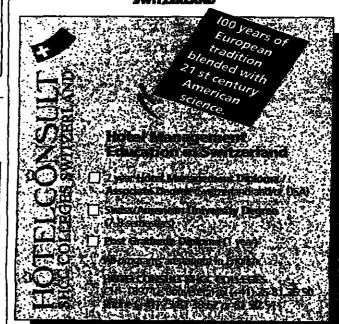
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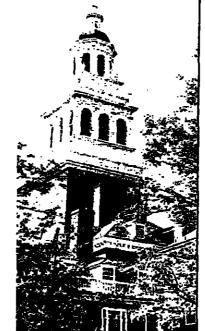
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By James F. Clarity New York Times Service DUBLIN - When historians evaluate this period in Ireland, sup-

porters of Prime Minister Albert Reynolds hope that he will be ry of the Easter Rising, Gerry Adpraised as the leader who brought peace to the island after 700 years intermittent war. But if he fails in his effort to end

the current phase of that war - the 25 years of killing in the British province of Northern Ireland — he could be relegated to a footnote; a pet-food manufacturer and dance But he defends his government. hall impresario who was known to dress in a cowboy suit and sing a ment Ireland has had for years," he Jim Reeves country-western howler that begins: "Put your sweet lips a

little closer to the phone."
Mr. Reynolds, 61, said in a recent interview that he was no more ashamed of that than Bill Clinton was of playing the saxophone. He acknowledged the similarity

to another American president, Harry S. Truman - when reminded that his detractors had said that the job of running this country of 3.5 million people would be too much for him.

doesn't know about Northern Ire-land, he doesn't have a grasp of it," Mr. Reynolds said. "Those were proved wrong." Although peace is still far from essured, the peace efforts of Mr.

Reynolds and Prime Minister John Major of Britain are still alive. Mr. Reynolds is widely credited with having helped nudge the Irish Republican Army toward a more moderate course. The IRA an-

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nounced on Wednesday that it would observe a 72-hour cease-fire in Northern Ireland this week.

At a ceremony in Belfast on Sunday celebrating the 78th anniversaams, head of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, said that the cease-fire could lead to peace if Mr. Major used it to talk to Sinn Fein.

Mr. Reynolds is struggling with a troubled economy and one of the highest unemployment rates in the European Union, about 19 percent.

"This is the most stable governsaid, referring to the coalition partnership between his Fianna Fail and the Labor Party. Together, they have a margin of 37 votes in the 166-seat lower house of parliament, the largest in Ireland's 72 years of independence.

Mr. Reynolds, who had been finance minister, became prime minister in February 1992 after a struggle in which the popular Charles J. Haughey was pushed out of the party leadership. He was immediately hit with an international scan-"There were those who said he dal. A pregnant 14-year-old who sesn't know about Northern Iresaid she had been raped by the nd, he doesn't have a grasp of it," father of a friend wanted to have an abortion in Britain. Abortion is outlawed in Ireland.

In this overwhelmingly Roman Catholic country, Mr. Reynolds was caught between groups demanding further liberalization and those opposed to abortion. He is a practicing Catholic and had never been known as a liberal, and his advisers told him to leave the issue to the courts. But he put the question to a referendum in June 1992, and it established the right of women to abortion information and to travel abroad for abortions.

On the same day, Irish voters approved the Treaty on European Unity, giving it a fillip just when it seemed to be in trouble elsewhere in Europe.

At the end of the year, he called for a general election in which his party did poorly, and his career at the top seemed finished. But he turned the defeat into victory, bargaining with Labor to keep the



MASKED MESSENGER — A member of the Irish Republican Army reading a statement at an Easter ceremony in a cemetery in the border town of Crossmaglen, Northern Ireland. The IRA has called a unilateral 72-hour cease-fire beginning at midnight Tuesday.

ful cabinet posts for his party. Last April, he began the new peace initiative by carrying secret proposals to Mr. Major from Mr. Adams and John Hume, the most influential moderate Catholic leader in the North. The proposals came to him through Mr. Hume, a friend. Since then he has been a negotiator between Sinn Fein and London, and both sides have

A native of the Irish midlands,

he went to a college in County Sligo, then into the pet-food busi- persuaded to sing in public, he will ness, which is still being operated by one of his seven children. He ran for parliament and worked his way

As he has in his political life, he has made changes in his personal gave up his soft-drink habit when he learned he was a diabetic and tea daily and swims whenever he the parliament has liberalized laws

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can. And while he can no longer be on the distribution of condoms and on request recite a poem.

He has promised to take on the issue of divorce with a referendum next fall, another issue so sticky that his critics say it will divide the country and result in his defeat. He life. A chain smoker, he quit. He has made it clear to the country's powerful bishops that he will not bow to their pressure in all matters. now consumes dozens of cups of Since he has been prime minister,

has decriminalized homosexuality. "He has done extremely well," said Tim Pat Coogan, a historian and author of a standard work on

the IRA who had criticized Mr. Revnolds for not being knowledgeable enough about the North. "In a way, it's like Nixon and China," Mr. Coogan continued, referring to the peace effort. "He may be the only one people and politi-

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Good News for the Many

est rates bring capital gains to people who speculate in bonds. But when the economy speeds up, rising interest rates mean losses. Now, after live years of recession and erratic recovery, the American economy seems at last to be expanding steadily. The result is that panic has been running through the bond mar-kets like chickenpox through a kindergarten.

The latest revelation - bad news for the bond buyers, good news for everyone else—is that an unusually high number of Americans found jobs in March. It was, in fact, the largest number in one month since well before the last recession. Does that portend a jump in wage inflation, as the bond speculators darkly fear?
Remember three things. First, the big in-

crease in employment last month contains a large element of bounce-back from the unusually small increases during the abominable winter weather. Second, there has been no hint so far of any acceleration in wages. Average earnings in February were \$11.03 an hour, in March \$11.04. Third, the unpleasant experiences of these past five years — the recession, the downsizing of many corporations, the decline in job security - have done a

Bond traders live in an upside-down world. When the economy goes into a recession, times are good for them because falling interand that includes the price of labor.

When frightened investors send interest rates shooting upward as they did last week, the stock market falls — at least, it falls at first. But if profits continue to rise and prices remain stable, the financial markets will shortly take note and before long another anitude will take hold.

Some denizens of the markets grumble suspiciously that they lost a lot of money the last time a Democrat was president. Perhaps that recollection is influencing them now. But the circumstances then were utterly different. At this point in the Carter administration, by the early spring of 1978, the inflation rate was more than 8 percent a year and rising fast. Currently it is 2.5 percent a year and a little

lower than a year ago.

This rapid run-up in long-term interest rates, if it continues, will threaten the investment that America badly needs. But with that exception, despite last week's rancous vote of no confidence from the bond speculators, the prospect for solid economic growth is better than it has been for many years.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

The Bad War in Turkey

Hardly anybody is paying attention, but a bad war in Turkey has turned worse. Frustrated by a persistent Kurdish uprising in the mountainous southeast, the Turkish army is preparing a massive spring offensive involv-

ing 130,000 troops. America is necessarily involved. Turkey is a NATO ally and buys American weapons that were certainly not meant for use against Kurdish villages. Yet Washington's protests are muted for an ironic reason: the United States relies on bases in Turkey to provide help to Iraqi Kurds, who have carved out an autonomous enclave in northern Iraq.

Each year the war inside Turkey grows bigger. In 1993, 4,000 civilians, soldiers and guer-rillas were killed. At least 800 villages have been evacuated to deny a base to the leftist Kurdish Workers Party, better known by its initials PKK. In January, 50 Turkish warplanes struck at a PKK camp deep within Iraq's Kurdish territory, the biggest such raid so far.

Although it faces a huge budget deficit and roaring inflation. Turkey spent \$7 billion on the war last year. Yet neither the government nor the army appears to have a political strategy for ending this conflict.

Kurds account for one-fifth of Turkey's 60 million people, and their demand for cultural and political rights has a long history. After years of insisting that Kurds were only "mountain Turks," Ankara explored a different approach under President Turgut Ozal. Turkish Kurds were allowed to form their own party, which briefly became part of the governing coalition formed in 1991 by Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel. There were cheers abroad when Mr. Demirel promised greater language rights as well as other legal

reforms long urged by human rights advocates. But hope faded when Mr. Ozal died last April and was succeeded by Mr. Demirel. This shift then brought to power Tansu Ciller, the first woman to serve as prime minister. Mr. Demirel, who had been twice ousted by the armed forces in times past, and the untested prime minister have joined hard-liners in treating the Kurdish rebellion as foremost a military matter. To be sure, they have been abetted in this by the PKK's terrorist offenses,

including the killing of Turks in Germany, where as many as 400,000 out of 1.6 million

Turkish "guest workers" are Kurds. Americans learned at bitter cost in Vietnam that aerial attacks neither pacify nor win hearts and minds in hostile villages. It is hard to imagine any military victory in Turkey, given the sheer size of the Kurdish minority. And, dismayingly, military escalation has closed down the political track to a settlement. Having banned a Kurdish-based political party, the government is now detaining five Kurdish members of the National Assembly on fishy charges of "sedition," a capital offense. Meantime. Amnesty International has kept detailed track of "disappearances"

—26 in 1993 —of mainly Kurdish prisoners.

These are alarming symptoms of a deeper fever. Turkish officials fear that granting cultural autonomy to Kurds only increases the clamor for full independence. But that has not been so in Spain, where Catalan and Basque separatist movements have ebbed with greater devolution. In any case, recalling that the Nixon administration once cynically used Iraqi Kurds as pawns, Americans have special cause to look critically at this ominous war.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Export Controls, Continued

sell almost any telecommunications equipment and computers to China and the countries that used to be the Soviet bloc. The Clinton administration and Congress are beginning a sweeping revision of the system of export controls that the United States has used for a generation to keep weapons technology out of the wrong hands. But while the nature of the danger has changed, export controls remain essential.

At least half a dozen countries have undisclosed nuclear weapons or are trying to build or buy them. If the world gets careless and makes that easier, there will be more. Iraq came dismayingly close to building a nuclear bomb, with the help of equipment bought discreetly here and there around the world. Prudent governments also will want to monitor the means to manufacture chemical and biological weapons, and the missiles to deliver them.

The Clinton administration relaxed the restriction on telecommunications and computers because it decided that they could contribute little to weapons development, while it required a costly sacrifice of sales. Striking a sensible balance between security and commercial advantage is the hard part of this exercise.

By coincidence, the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls went out of existence the same day that the administration announced its new rules. COCOM's responsibility had been to keep leading-edge military technology away from the Soviets and Chinese. Diplomats from many countries are now at work to devise a successor to COCOM, designed to do a different job - to prevent any country from building illicit veapons. In Washington, Congress is meanwhile beginning a fundamental rewrite of the Export Administration Act.

It will no longer be good enough to rely on a small group of advanced industrial countries to carry out the controls. The key technologies are widely dispersed around the world. For example, India, with an average annual income of \$330, has a sophisticated computer industry (not to mention nuclear capability). The next control regime will succeed only to the extent that poor countries support it and do not see it as an attempt to cut them off from technology that they need for industrial development. But poor countries as well as rich ones have a vital interest in the weapons that their neighbors may covertly be building.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Chinese Myopia on Korea

As South Korean President Kim Young Sam was told in Beijing, the Chinese oppose sanc-tions against the North, Patriot missiles for the South or even a draft United Nations resolution taking North Korea to task for interfering with inspections of its nuclear sites. It's bard to square this with assurances that China wants a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula.

The threat posed by Pyongyang's blatant violation of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty extends far beyond North Korea's traditional enemies. It unsettles the foundation on

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which Asia's stability has rested for four decades: an agreement by Japan to reject its own nuclear arms in favor of an American security umbrella. With the American umbrella springing leaks, any failure to persuade Pyongyang to drop its nuclear arms program would almost certainly lead to decisions by Seoul and Tokyo

to pursue their own programs.

China may well prefer a divided Korea to a united and prosperous Korea of 70 million people on its border. But the more likely outcome of its policies will be a divided Korea where both North and South possess the bomb.

-Far Eastern Economic Review (Hong Kong).



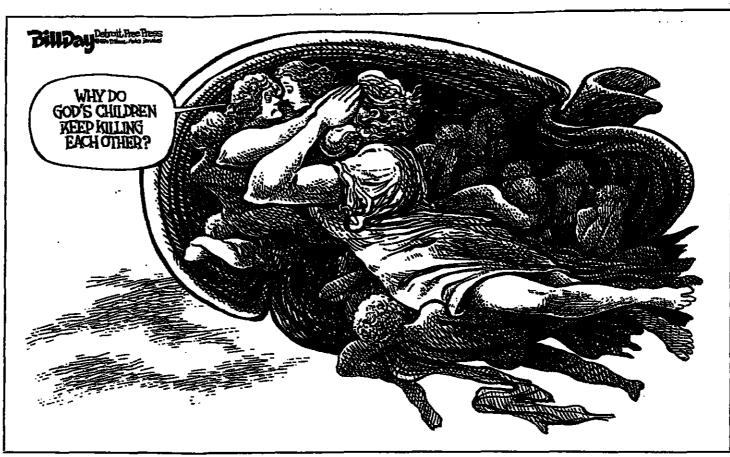
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Jobs: The Developing World Must Be Put to Work

WASHINGTON—Concern about unemployment drew the finance ministers of Europe, Japan and the United States to the recent summer.

in Detroit, but who spoke for the rest of the world? Unemployment rates in the industrialized countries are at the highest levels since the Great Depression—6.5 percent in the United States and 12 percent in Western Europe. But unemployment rates in much of the developing world already average 40 to 50 percent.

And that does not take into account the greater number of men and women who are "underem-

The developing countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America will account for virtually all of the new entrants into the world labor force over the next 25 years.

ployed," working long hours for pennies. Without major new efforts by both developed and developing countries, the problem will not be resolved.

Burdened by debt and a rapidly expanding population, economic growth in the developing countries still remains below 1970s levels. These countries tries are also adversely affected by the slow growth in industrial countries, which still account for

three-fourths of the total world output. Work-force growth remains a key element of future employment patterns around the world. Workers in industrialized countries are aging and By John W. Sewell

retiring from the ranks of the employed without an equal surge of new workers coming in from below. The developing world has the opposite problem. In the decades ahead, about 95 percent of the world's population growth will be in the developing countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

These countries will account for virtually all of the new entrants into the world labor force over the next 25 years. To meet this surge, these countries will need to increase employment by more than 2 percent a year for the foreseeable future just to prevent unemployment rates from rising beyond today's critical level.

The United States should be concerned about employment in the developing world for its own interests. Economic growth in the developing world means jobs in America.

As income rises in the developing countries, so does the demand for American goods. Proper policies by the United States and the dynamic economies of Asia and Latin America could stimulate U.S. export growth by more than 10 percent a year, creating as many as 1.7 million new U.S. jobs by the end of the decade.

As President Bill Clinton has recognized, jobs bring more than just income to individuals. High unemployment wreaks havoc on society, particularly on families. It ranks as one of the fundamental causes of political unrest, particularly in newly emerging democracies, where people expect to reap the economic benefits of free elections. Jobs also help the environment, because they allow people to earn a living without over-cultivat-

ing fragile lands or cutting down forests just to stay alive. And over the longer run, development of decent jobs will help to cut down on immigration, whether from the developing world, Eastern Europe or the former Soviet Union.

Policymakers may be tempted to ignore this "other" employment crisis. The feeling persists that we have enough to worry about and should focus on domestic problems. But ignoring developing-world problems will not make them go away. Immigration, conflict and political unrest, as well as threats to democracy, will only increase, as will the costs of preventing spillovers into the industrial world.

There are several opportunities on deck for the Clinton administration and other leaders to create strategies for global economic integration and growth that will benefit rich and poor countries. The World Population Conference meets in Cairo this September and will highlight the need for new approaches to slowing population (and therefore work force) growth. Next March, world leaders will assemble in Copenhagen for a summit on social development. Finally, employment throughout the world could be increased by the next round of trade liberalization negotiations.

In an increasingly global economy, interdependence is the key to success. The Clinton administration recognized this when it remained firm on NAFTA and GATT. It is obvious that economic growth in the United States and other countries will depend on similar, outward-looking strategies.

The writer is president of the Overseas Develop-ment Council, a public policy institute, He contribut-ed this comment to the Las Angeles Times,

Now We Know That Population Control Can Work

WASHINGTON — When dele-W gates gather in New York this week for final negotiations before the United Nations Conference on Population and Development, they will be armed with a pretty clear understanding of what works and what doesn't in slowing population growth. The knowledge has been gleaned from research and real experience. It is clear and promising enough to disarm - at long last the passionate but fruitless ideological debates that have sidetracked

previous summits. Dozens of social and economic factors have been studied for their connection to lowered fertility. Of them all, education of women has proved the most consistent.

The effect shows up with just a year or two of primary school, be-comes much larger with full primary

By David C. Unger

N EW YORK — East Asia, from Seoul to Singapore, is now the world's axis for economic and trade growth. Any interruption of that region's growth would reverberate around the globe. For-

tunately, most economic indicators

point toward further expansion -

provided there is continued politi-

cal stability and peace.
With that in mind, East Asian

nations are preparing to launch

this July a promising vehicle for avoiding military conflicts. It is called the ASEAN Regional Fo-

It is not a military alliance like

NATO or a collective security organization like the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Eu-

rope. But in time it could come to

play a central role in U.S. strategy for the Asia-Pacific region. Since the end of the Vietnam

War, East Asia has been largely

diversion of resources and political

turmoil that go with it. Peace has

brought investor confidence, reliable trade links, a stable and pro-

ductive work force and rising levels of affluence. But any relapse into

armed conflict could abruptly turn

The risk is limited but real. The

economic miracle into catastrophe.

Cold War is over everywhere else, but the risk of ideologically based fighting still haunts the Korean Peninsula and the Taiwan Strait.

Elsewhere, territorial disputes re-

main dangerously unresolved, in-

cluding claims by six nations to the

potentially oil-rich Spratly Islands

Meanwhile, mainland China is

investing heavily in modernized

military equipment that could be used to intervene beyond Chinese

borders. Prominent Japanese poli-

in the South China Sea.

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Here Comes a Forum

For Stability in Asia

By Jessica Mathews

ondary schooling.
What some are now calling the

Tamil Nadu miracle corroborates the research findings in an unforgettable way.
In the 1970s, the chief executive of this state in southern India launched a free midday meal program for chil-

dren in primary schools. The pur-pose was political populism — the result entirely unexpected. The number of schools and teachers had to grow, as vehicles for deliv-

ering the meals. The free meals also changed families' economic calculus. A little girl became more valuable to the family by going to school and getting a nutritious meal (especially if she brought some home to share) than

ticians are talking openly about discarding the constraints that have bottled up Japanese military power since World War II. And

many Asians worry that an in-

ward-looking United States may

be psychologically disengaging it-self from the region's security.

No one is more alert to the new

dangers than the prosperous but

vulnerable countries of developing

Asia. The forum began as a project of the Association of South East Asian Nations — Indonesia, Malay-

sia, the Philippines, Singapore,

Thailand and Bronei. Already it is

far more than a paper organization.
ASEAN seminars have encour-

aged cooperative development of

disputed areas in the Spratlys and

promoted exchanges of military information, along with joint train-ing exercises to build up confi-

dence and damp down paranoia. The forum is no longer limited to ASEAN. It also includes, among

others, China, Japan, Russia,

South Korea, Vietnam and the United States. Conspicuously ex-

cluded, however, are two of the region's most dangerous potential

flash points, Taiwan and North

Korea. If it is to live up to its ambition of preventing regional

conflict, the forum must eventually

embrace the entire region.

education and jumps again with sec- she would be staying home taking care of younger siblings. The num-ber of girls in school went way up.

Tamil Nadu also had a minister with an obsession for family planning. He insisted that buses and autorickshaws be covered with family planning slogans. Movie theaters and billboards carried the message. Clinics made the means available. The midday-meal girls began to marry in 1985. In the next six years, the birthrate, which had declined slightly in the previous decade, dropped by

more than 25 percent. On a much grander scale, popula-tion trends in Bangladesh prove that even without female education or any of the other factors that economists and demographers have believed to be essential for slowing birthrates, a determined, sensitively designed, voluntary government program can be

astomshingly effective.
One of the poorest countries in the world, Bangladesh seems to have every obstacle to success. It is a strict, patriarchal Muslim society in which fewer than one woman in four is literate and only one in 10 can go shopping unaccompanied. Nearly half the population lives in poverty, and infant and child mortality is very high. Between 1975 and 1990, economic output per capita rose by a slow 1.6 percent annually.

Every one of these characteristics has been called incompatible with fertility decline. Yet in these 15 years, Bangladesh's total fertility rate (the number of lifetime births per woman) dropped from seven to 4.5.

On this unassailable evidence, the debate over which is more important, economic development or family planning, can finally be laid to rest. The slogan "Development is the best contraceptive" stands ex-posed as the mindless rallying cry of people whose real agenda is opposition to family planning. Without doubt, economic develop-

ment accelerates fertility decline. Equally obviously, rapid population growth can overwhelm even strong economic growth. Bangladesh proves that countries need not wait - indeed, how can they? — for the magic of economic success before trying to slow the growth of their populations.

Strictly voluntary programs can work in very poor societies, and not just in Asia. The 20 percent drop in Kenya's total fertility rate since 1989, for example, is one of the steepest ever observed. Recent research provides the

means to dispose of another red her-For decades, security in the Asia-Pacific region has been built around America's Cold War treaties ring. Past abuses in family planning programs have made many women's with Japan, South Korea, the Philgroups extremely leery of population ippines and others. Those treaties targets. The more radical groups find any discussion of fertility offensive remain. But their governing as-Sumption was that the enemy would on the ground that it is a form of always be international commu-nism; they provide little guidance or blaming women. The fear that envi-ronmental concerns would give a boost to national targets was a major reassurance in disputes that pit one reason why the Rio summit utterly U.S. ally against another. The failed to address how many people ASEAN Regional Forum can. That the planet can reasonably support.

gives Washington a strong interest in encouraging its development. The demographer Steven Sinding has looked closely at the growing body of evidence of "unmet need," The New York Times.

the number of women who say they want to limit or space their children but do not have access to contraceptives. He found 12 developing countries that have both a national demographic target and a recent estimate of unmet need. In 10 of the 12, meeting all the unmet need would actually exceed the national target.

Mr. Sinding's finding means that there need be no conflict between individual rights and population goals. National programs can be designed and carried out in a way that outs individuals and families first. For all these reasons, this year's United Nations conference could be a significant event.

wo donors, the United States and Japan, have made notable recent commitments on funding. Japan has pledged \$3 billion through the end of the century for family planning and AIDS, a tenfold increase over its previous spending. This indicator of a new Japanese engagement on global issues has received far too little recognition.

The only dark cloud is the Vatican's apparent intention, signaled when the Pope convened his nuncios recently, to make a major effort to undo the growing consensus. If he is successful, it could be at the cost of the most promising opportunity yet to build international momentum on an endeavor vital to human hope and individual fulfillment

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North Korea **Needs Time** To Collapse

By Sung Chul Yang &

S EOUL — While the root cause of tension on the Korean Peninsula is North Korea, the problem is being mishandled by the United States and some of its allies. Pyongvang's recent militant outburst and its threat to turn Seoul into a "sea of fire" are

signs of weakness, not strength.
It is worth recalling that on the eve of North Korea's all-out invasion of South Korea in June 1950, the regime of president Kim Il Sung behaved in exactly the opposite way. It made a last minute peace overture by propos-ing a swap of several prominent political detainees with the South.

The key to Pyongyang's present behavior lies in its inability to adjust to the rapid political and economic changes that are occurring in its im-mediate region and the wider world. The United States, South Korea and other concerned states are misreading the situation. The stick-and-carrot policy that they have adopted is

Instead of looking at North Korea in a larger political context, they tend to concentrate only on the nuclear weapons issue and Pyongyang's refusal to comply with the safeguards, rules and inspections of the Interna-tional Atomic Energy Agency.

Policymakers often see what North Korea should be, rather than what it

The most appropriate policy is benign neglect.

is. The current regime, whether headed by Kim senior or his son, Kim Jong II, is incapable of emplating the eco-nomic reform in China. Pyongyang can only tinker at the margins with the established command economy and Stalmist political system.

Since China opened its economy, Pyongyang has also made a series of cosmetic adjustments to its system, such as liberalizing access for foreign investors. However, there has been no serious move to decollectivize agriculture, privatize state industries or allow free market forces to operate,

Stalin and Mao still live in North Korea. There is neither a Mikhail Gorbachev nor a Deng Xiaoping in sight, let alone an Andrei Sakharov or a Wei Jingsheng. The North is still in the grip of political winter. However, a Pyongyang Spring will surely come. The only question is when and how. Most likely it will occur as a result

of implession, explosion or a mix of the two. Hasty and premature appli-cation of the stick and carrot or other artificial devices is counterother armicial devices is counterproductive; influence cannot work
until North Korea is ready to receive
it. The most appropriate policy is
one of benign neglect.

Such a policy would ease the
problem of coping with the divergent interests of South Korea, the
United States, China, Japan and
Russia in dealing with the North's

Russia in dealing with the North's nuclear ambitions. In principle, these concerned countries agree that Pyongyang should be prevented from becoming a nuclear power. But each advocates a different approach and method, and has differing priorities and national interests involved.

For South Korea, adroit diplomacy is essential to avoid unnecessary escalation of tension and come up with a practical and realistic resolution of the problem. Somehow the South must avoid war while not letting the North's nuclear ambitions go unchecked.

Timing is critical. If, to buy time. Pyongyang continues to spurn de-mands from the UN Security Comcil to open its nuclear facilities to regular inspection, the council may have to resort to a series of resolu-tions as it did after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990. The 13 Gulf War resolutions of the council were spaced out over a period of a year. In the case of North Korea, the slower the council's actions the better. A slow process will avert unnecessary escalation of tension on the Korean Peninsula. In the meantime, the Kim regime may come to an end and be replaced by one that is more amenable to real reform.

Preserving the integrity of the international treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, which is up for extension next spring, should not be a constraint in this ultimate waiting game.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Anarchists Again?

PARIS — Many people thought the war of the Anarchists against society would flag a little after the Anarchist Bourdin blew himself to pieces near the Greenwich Observatory and after Pauwels met death from his own bomb in the Madeleine, But another outrage was perpetrated in Paris last night [April 4] which seems to show that the apostles of dynamite, or some of them, have not changed their ideas of the lines on which they think it best to fight the people and the Government. So close to the Palais du Senat as to justify the suspicion that the Chamber was the real object of the attack, a bomb was exploded at half-past eight o'clock

1919: Belgium's Needs

PARIS - The King of the Belgians honored the Council of Four with his presence and outlined completely his nation's attitude on many of the questions before the Peace Confer-

ence, emphasizing the imperative needs of financial and economic aid-The King's handling of Belgium's case made a profound impression upon the Big Four, and it is believed that there is little doubt that Belgium's gium's immediate needs will be met forthwith. The afternoon session of the Council was held at the Ministry of War, where the Czecho-Slovak boundary question was taken up.

1944: Bucharest Is Hit NAPLES - [From our New York

edition:) American Flying Fortresses and Liberators bombed Bucharest, the Rumanian capital, for the first time today [April 4], flying to within 200 miles of the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied Blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied Blood in the Russo-German front to strike the third Allied Blood in the Russo-German front to strike in twenty-four hours at Hitler's communications in southeastern Europe. The American airmen flew 600 miles from bases in southern Italy to carry out the attack, sup; porting the Red Army troops invading Rumania from the northeast.

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OPINION

orth Kore . Whitewater: The Real Crisis Is in the Press's Credibility

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON — During a long trip abroad last month I kept reading in had invested nothing when she made local papers, Washington reports about President Bill Clinton's "Whitewater crisis." When people asked me to explain what exactly it was, I could not.

Now, after sifting through the news I do see a crisis: an oncoming crisis of confidence in the press. Magazines, television and newspapers have taken stories that deserve modest attention and blown them up to hyperbolic proportions. Consider the story about George Ste-

In the second se phanopoulos telephoning a Treasury Department official to complain beuse the Resolution Trust Corporation had appointed a highly partisan Republican lawyer to look into a matter possibly connected to Whitewater. He was told that the RTC was an independent agency, and he went away.

Time magazine suggested darkly that

Mr. Stephanopoulos might be charged with obstruction of justice. Sure: Expressing partisan outrage is a crime.

Time's writers and editors and all the others who ludicrously overplayed that tale should be sent back to school to learn some American history. For partisan talk

has been going on in government since the days of George Washington.

On Time's cover was a photograph of Mr. Clinton and Mr. Stephanopoulos looking harried — as if by this latest translation. 'revelation. Only the picture was cropped and old, taken in a different context. Newsweek's contribution last week was a story quoting an expert to the

Behind Whitewater

SOME THINGS about Washington are constant. Among them:

• The political attention paid to White House scandal, real or concocted, is inversely proportional to the power and prospects of the opposition party.

Republicans in Congress were being pushed around by a cocky Democratic president. You don't need a doctorate in political science to see that Senator Phil Gramm and Representative Newt Gingrich would rather talk about Whitewater than about the economy or Tokyo.

 If a president has not made appointments by his inaugural, he has to delegate that authority. Something like a third of inidlevel appointive positions in many cabinet departments are still filled by Republicans. I would bet one or more of them have been feeding Whitewater information to Republican senators.

 The Washington press is predatory. Many Americans still believe Watergate was a power struggle between reporters and Republicans. Perhaps Whitewater will persuade them that the press, still living on bones and gristle thrown from 'the White House at the end of each day, will go after any red meat it sniffs. - The columnist Richard Reeves.

nearly \$100,000 in commodities trading. The expert angrily denied saying any such thing, and Newsweek said it regretted the mistake.

How could supposedly serious magazines go so wrong? Because they, like much of the rest of the press, have been consumed by competitive zeal to get out front on the Whitewater story.

With that zeal, compare the press's slumbering performance in the Irancontra affair before the Reagan admin-istration disclosed it. And Iran-contra was profoundly important: the grossest abuse of the U.S. Constitution in modem times. A president, or men acting in his name, claimed a right to do what they wished abroad and hang the law.

Whitewater at worst involves petty financial juggling and favors years be-fore Bill Clinton became president. There is no constitutional issue, no great question of the separation of powers. Why, then, has the press been so rav-

enous over Whitewater? One reason is evidently that the Clinton White House at first stonewalled and deceived. Perhaps it was Bernard Nussbaum, then counsel to the president, who mistakenly thought it was wise to use the tactics of private litigation.

Vincent Foster's suicide, and the secret removal of files from his White House office, naturally aroused suspicions. Suspicion has been carried to the point of suggestions that Mr. Foster was really murdered.

A major factor in pushing the Whitewater story has been Jim Leach, the Iowa Republican congressman. He is usually so thoughtful and decent a politician that it is hard to understand how he got so carried away, producing supposed "evidence" that has no proof and no connection to the Clintons. Mr. Leach appears to be a little uneasy himself now with what he has wrought.

Finally, the press has been excited because Mr. and Mrs. Clinton turned out to be something other than holy creatures devoted to good government and children. They wanted to make some money, too,

That is a subject of some human interest, worth examining. But a sense of pro-portion would be helpful. Those who make it to the presidency usually had some rich and influential friends along the way. Ronald Reagan had lots more than Bill Clinton. But the press was mostly alraid to tangle with Mr. Reagan.

A sense of proportion is what has been lacking in much of the Whitewater coverage, along with a sense of history. I think

the press will regret its hysteria. At the recent press conference a reporter asked Mr. Clinton if he had learned any lesson from Whitewater. The question might as fairly be put to the press.

The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Turkish Survival

Regarding the editorial "Turks, Kurds and Allies" (March 28):

This Washington Post editorial shows an effort to be balanced and objective. But it falls short of understanding the Turkish side of this complex problem, which involves the very survival of the

unitary Turkish state. Results of the recent general election show that the Turkish people support Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's dynamic measures against terrorism and secession, despite her rather lackluster per-

formance in economic management.

Citizens of Kurdish origin have risen to
the highest positions in the Turkish state and society. But this does not satisfy the secessionists, whose ultimate aim is to establish a separate Kurdistan. No democratic state can tolerate secessionism.

Turkey has proven that it is a part of the Western world in many ways. But if the price of being Western is to accept a "social solution" that inevitably would lead to a Bosnia-like fragmentation, we are not ready to pay this price.

The recent elections have indicated the determination of the Turkish people. ALTEMUR KILIC.

Apples and Oranges Regarding "Sound Familiar?" (Letters,

March 23) from Alena Hochmann: Ms. Hochmann misses the point in

comparing Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza with the presence of Palestinians living in Israel. International law forbids the settlement of occupied territory by the occupiers. Thus, the Israeli settlements are not only illegal but have become a seri-ous obstacle in the search for peace.

In the 1948-49 Arab-Israeli War, Israel was "ethnically cleansed" of more than 700,000 Palestinians. Those who managed to escape expulsion, and their descendants, account for the present Palestinian population in Israel itself.

GUNVANT GOVINDJEE. Cardiff, Wales.

Macedonia and Cuba Regarding "Help Macedonia and Pres-

sure Greece if Necessary" (Opinion, March 18) by George Soros:

Greece is accused of unreasonably imposing an embargo on a small country. I wonder whether President John F. Kennedy's blockade of Cuba in 1962 was considered unreasonable? CHRISTOS G. ACHIS.

Schindler Uncensored

Regarding "'Schindler': A Hit Worldwide" (Features, March 23):

In an article describing the interna-tional reception of the movie "Schindler's List," you state, "The Philippine censor attempted to ban the film because of a scene showing nudity." What actually happened was this: The Philippine Board of Censors decided to eliminate two brief scenes which it regarded as offensive. Once those scenes were eliminated, the film was

released for showing.

When Steven Spielberg was apprised of this, he decided to withdraw the film rather than accept the censors' decision.

At this point, President Fidel Ramos stepped in and ordered the film released with none of its scenes eliminated.

Whatever one may think of the wis-dom, or lack thereof, of the Philippine Board of Censors' decision, there was no desire to ban the film. It is now showing to record-breaking crowds in the na-

BARTHOLOMEW LAHIFF.

The Courteous Computer

Regarding "Who Say's I'm Welcome? Just Give Me the Number" (Meanwhile, March 31) by Richard Cohen: The writer complains that when he

dials information, the phone number he wants is given to him a few seconds late because Bell Atlantic's computerized voice is busy being courteous. Mr. Cohen should try working in a

country where the phone company, like most other businesses, never bothers to say "Have a nice day" or even "May I help you?" Here in France, dial directory information and you will likely have to hold for four to five minutes before anybody even answers. Half the time, of course, you don't even get an answer — only the recording which says that the lines are saturated, so please call later. Disregard for the customer is a way of life in the French business world. While many say that services are the business of the future, France is headed for economic disaster unless the general attitude changes soon.

> F. DUNOYER de SEGONZAC. Cannes.

A Reinvention of History To Suit Their Self-Esteem

By Jonathan Yardley

WASHINGTON — By and large we Americans don't know history becanse we are indifferent to it, except on those rare occasions when it bumps up against our real or fancied self-interest. We are an impatient people, ever on the go, so the notion of taking the time to devote careful study to the past has never sat well with us. We tend to agree with Henry Ford that history is bunk and, being ignorant of history, we tend

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to misquote him, since what he actually said was, "History is more or less bunk."
We also don't know history because we have been poorly taught. The schoolrooms of America have had many dedicated, inspired teachers, but they have
also had many who have been more deeply steeped in the lumatic arcana of educationist methodology than in the subject tionist methodology than in the subject matter they allegedly teach. The old adage about staying one chapter ahead of one's students is too often true when a teacher struggles to master subjects in which he or she was never sufficiently educated while studying "education."

This problem is compounded when the textbooks around which courses are shaped are themselves, for whatever rea-son, inadequate. It is this aspect of the teaching and study of history that is addressed in "History Textbooks: A Standard and Guide," a slender book released last week by the American Textbook Council, an independent monitoring group based in New York.
As its title and subtitle suggest, the

publication is intended, narrowly, as "a tool to assist textbook reviewers in the selection of textbooks, free of publishers' sales pressure." Persons engaged in such business will find much of use in its discussion of such matters as the decline of historical narrative and the rise surprise! — of pictures and graphics. But the book also has a larger purpose, which is to call public attention to the appalling degree to which history text-books have become instruments of social and psychological engineering.

The publication of history textbooks is a big business dominated by a handful of firms and shaped in great measure by two groups: the anonymous drones who plug away at revisions of the standard texts, and the state review boards that prescribe the essential nature of those texts. These review boards can come under intense pressure from within and without, because history can be a touchy subject, never more so than in the touchy climate in which we live today. The council reports:

"American history textbooks raise unique content problems, since they are official portraits of our country's past, purchased by governments and assigned to the students who will one day participate in government by consent. To what

degree textbooks affect how students see themselves, their nation and the world cannot be easily reckoned, but their subtexts, interpretations, biases and omissions do provide clues to how we regard ourselves as Americans — and how publishers sell textbooks. Their central place in the curriculum makes them especially interesting to philosophers, journalists and intellectuals — as well as ideologues of many groups and causes."

Though one should never underestimate the mischief that can be perpetrated by philosophers, journalists and intellectuals, it is safe to say that the culprits in the rewriting of the canon of American history are agents of multiculturalism in its various forms, practitioners of the psy-chological arts who believe that the pri-mary duty of education is to enhance "self-esteem," and book publishers who
"avoid a candid appraisal of historical
controversies, especially if those controversies reflect current political struggles and could hurt textbook sales."

The consequences of the pressures brought to bear by these interests are assorted and almost uniformly unfortunate, if not actually malien. Though pressure groups often talk in terms of correcting the historical record or altering the "Eurocentric" biases of the past, they are primarily interested in replacing old errors with new ones. "The historian works on evidence," as the late Arnaldo Momig-liano put it. "Rhetoric is not his business." But rhetoric is precisely the business of those who want history texts to reflect their own racial, ethnic, political, ideological or sexual viewpoints.

American history as interpreted by many of these groups becomes, in the words of C. Vann Woodward, "primarily a history of oppression, and the focus is on the oppressed." A high school textbook called "American Voices" tells its readers that "nativism and racism" are among the chief characteristics of the American character.

As the council notes: This is bad history of a new (and demoralizing) sort. For all those who seek to reinvent history on behalf of self-esteem, when it is in fashion among intellectuals to claim that all reality and hence all morality is relative, when television specializes increasingly in 're-creations' and 'dramatizations,' it is becoming increasingly difficult, not merely for young people, to distinguish between fact and fiction, between reality and fantasy."

One needn't agree with the council in all particulars — the "festive patriotism" it so fondly recalls in past texts produced its own share of bad history -to know that in essence it is right. The writing of the history taught in American schools is now in the hands of people whose political or financial interest lies in fictionalizing history, in making it not history at all but propaganda.

The Washington Post.

THE SILENT WOMAN: Svivia Plath and Ted Bughes

By Janet Malcolm. 208 pages. \$23. Knopf.

Reviewed by Marie Arana-Ward

THE biographer, writes Janet Malcolm in this extraordinary investigation into poet Sylvia Plath's labyrinthine afterlife in other people's books, "is like the pro-fessional burglar, breaking into a house, rifling through certain drawers that he has good reason to think contain the jewelry and money, and triumphantly bearing the loot away." What is so remarkable about that declaration is what it says about Malcolm herself - beneath its toot of self-righteousness is an unmistakable lament of selfloathing. For although "The Silent Woman" is a brilliant postmortem on the literature about Plath — a work about the peeping toms and busybodies who built careers on her sad life - it is also an admission that there is thievery in Mal-

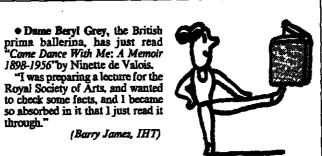
colm's own venture. Sylvia Plath and the British poet Ted Hughes had been married for six years when they decided to separate in the fall of 1962. There was another woman in Hughes's life. Although Plath was sick with rage. the next six months were the most productive in her life. Feverishly,

By Robert Byrne VADIM SVJAGINSEV risked a

WHAT THEY'RE READING • Dame Beryl Grey, the British prima ballerina, has just read "Come Dance With Me: A Memoir 1898-1956 by Ninette de Valois. "I was preparing a lecture for the Royal Society of Arts, and wanted

through."

(Barry James, IHT)



she wrote the haunting "Ariel" po-ems; her entire reputation as a poet is based on them. One night in February 1963, however, the 30year-old Plath closed her sleeping children's bedroom door, set out their breakfasts, went into the kitchen, knelt down and stuck her head into the hiss of a gas oven. That final act thrust her into celebrity and Hughes onto a treadmill he has yet to dismount.

In this sinuous coil of interview and essay (published in slightly different form in The New Yorker last vear). Malcolm spins the story of the people Plath left behind: Ted Hughes, who sold Plath's memoir of madness, "The Bell Jar," after her death in order to buy himself a house on the north coast of Devon; Olwyn Hughes, his sister and spokeswoman, who doggedly de-fends Hughes; Plath's mother,

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Aurelia, who, in despair over the negative way she was portrayed in "The Bell Jar," published her daughter's most intimate letters because they cast Mrs. Plath in a more favorable light.

And then there are the biogra-phers: Anne Stevenson ("Bitter Fame"); Edward Butscher ("Sylvia Plath: Method and Madness"); Linda Wagner-Martin ("Sylvia Plath: A Biography") Ronald Hay-man ("The Death and Life of Syl-via Plath"), and Paul Alexander ("Rough Magic: A Biography of Sylvia Plath"). Malcolm dissects the books, letting us eavesdrop on her visits and exchanges with the various authors, making us witnesses to the nasty bits they spew about one another.

Malcolm is quick to declare her loyalties. Although Stevenson's book was highly criticized for its

Ted and Olwyn Hughes, Malcolm calls it "the most intelligent and the only aesthetically satisfying of the five biographies." But Stevenson made the mistake of conceding that her ruthless portrait of Plath was based on material provided by Ted and Owyn Hughes. The biogra-phy-loving public does not want to hear that biography is a flawed genre." Malcolm writes — that a Rashomon-like skewing of the sto-ry is inevitable. "It prefers to believe that certain biographers are

open expression of sympathy for

bad gnys."
Which brings us to the particulars of Malcolm's own notonicty and the reason that "The Silent Woman" has all the frisson of a naughty confession. In 1982, Mal-colm published a stinging profile of the psychoanalyst author Jeffrey Masson, whom she had befriended in the process of studying his work. Masson sued her, claiming that her portrait of him was distorted, mahcious and libelous. In 1990, even as the suit was being played out in the courts (the trial will resume next month). The New Yorker published the germ of another book, "The Journalist and the Murder-er." In it, Malcolm described the journalist Joe McGinniss as a liar who hared Jeffrey MacDonald -the Green Beret charged with the 1970 murder of his pregnant wife and two daughters — into partnership only to betray him on the pages of "Fatal Vision." "Every journalist who is not too stupid or too full of himself to notice what is going on knows that what he does is morally indefensible," she wrote with typical asperity, although the accusation sounded early like what she had done to Masson. By now Malcolm's career evinces an unmistakable pattern of obsession: on one side, the cunning ferocity of the reporter; on the other, the ultimate elusiveness of truth.

And so it is with Sylvia Plath, who, for all of Malcoim's virtuosity. hovers beyond this book, wraithlike evanescent, unattainable. Her absence is, of course, the whole point What fascinates Malcolm - and in turn captivates us --- is the ravenous

pack circling the ghost.
But even as Malcolm leads us 25... Nh5, broke open the black king past the wolves, we cannot help position with 26 f4! There was no notice that she is baying at the

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V speculative pawn sacrifice against Jon Arnason in Round 3 of the Reykjavik International Tourhament in February. A few years ago, Gary Kasparov brought back the flexible development with 4 the flexible development with a Nf3 against the Nimzo-Indian Defense. After 4...b6 5 Bg5 h6 6 Bh4. Black has been holding his own with the precarious 6...Bb7 e3 g5 8 Bg3 Ne4 9 Qc2 Bc3 10 bc d6 11 Bd3 f5 12 d5 Nc5 13 b4 g4 14 Nd4 Qf6 f5 10 O Nba6 16 Ne6 Ne6 17 Bf5 Nc7 18 Ref6 Kd7 19 f3 Raf8 20 fg Ng7 18 Bg6 Kd7 19 f3 Raf8 20 fg Qe7 21 c4 Nc5. Arnason, tried the

agressive experimental 6...No6!? After 7 e3 Ba6 8 Bd3 Na5 9 Qa4 Bc3 10 bc Qc8, it was evident that the Icelander was aiming for a direct attack in the white doubled c pawns, but first a little skirmishing took place. Syjaginsev's 11 Neo cause 12 dc Qc5? 13 Bf6 gf 14 Qd7 forces mate. After 11...c6, Arnason threatened 12...d6 13 Nf3 d5 14 Ne5 Nd7 15 cd Bd3 16 Nd3 cd, with positional play against the

backward c3 pawn. On 12 Qa3 c5 13 Qa4, Arnason On 12 Qa3 C 13 Qa7 by the could make progress only by the could make progress only by the defiant 13...25 14 Bg3 Ke7!? threat-defiant 13..



and 16...cd. Svjaginsev responded with the pawn sacrifice 15 d5!?, forcing Black to expose his king

further if he wanted to take it. After 15_ed 16 cd Bd3, Svjaginsev could have taken a favorable and easier course with the simple recapture 17 Nd3, since 17_Nd5 drops the knight to 18 Qe4. Instead, he gave up a pawn with 17 d6!? to inte the black king forward with 17_Kd6 18 Rd1 Ke7 19 Rd3. Then, after 19...d5 20 O-O, White would have had good attacking chances with threats of 21 Rfd1

Armason chose 17...Ke6 18 Nd3 Qc6, hoping to obtain an end game favorable to black because of the too far advanced d6 pawn. But Svjaginsev was only too happy to sacrifice again with 19 Qc2!? The Icelander interpolated 19,, c4 20 Nb4 before capturing the

pawn with 20...Qg2. Still, after 21 O-O-O Qe4 22 Qe2, it remained difficult to get the black king back under the cover of its own pawns. Svjaginsev drove forward with 23 f3, 24 c4 and 25 c5 and, on defense. After 26...Ng3 27 hg, such an attempt as 27...f5 would have been crushed by 28 of Ki6 29 Qc7
Kg6 30 Rd5 Rc5 31 f5mate. Armaof The Washington Post.

son gave up.

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

To our readers in France



The Cutting Edge of Tradition

By Suzy Menkes international Herald Tribune

ONDON -- The cartoon shows Prime Ministers John Major and Edouard Balladur enjoying an entente cordiale. "Your tailor is rich," says Major, using the

first English phrase that French kids learn in

"My tailor is English!" replies a check-suited

The piquant picture hangs in London's Sa-vile Row at Henry Poole & Co. — a testament to the fact that the tailoring firm, established in 1806 and carrying warrants from Queen Elizabeth and Emperor Napoléon III, is indeed tailor to the French prime minister. Next week, Henry Poole's managing direc-

tor, Angus Cundey, and his senior cutter, Alan Alexander, will install chalk and scissors at a discreet hotel near the Madeleine in Paris and receive the cream of its 330 French clients. Whether Balladur will take time out from militant students and angry D-Day vets to be fitted for a new suit is, of course, a matter between

"I don't normally mention living customers," says Cundey, who has the upright bearing and

discreet manner of a central-casting butler. Being a bespoke tailor in the modern world is not the anachronism it seems. The Savile Row premises may be fusty with tradition - all mahogany cabinets, stiff military uniforms, ceremonial swords and Imperial eagle perched overhead — a reminder of the days when Napo-léon III made his way from the Berry Brothers wine store to Poole the tailor.

But even the most traditional skills are still living. Keith Levett, a young trainee cutter, is working on gold-thread appliqué for a Footman's Full State Coatee at Buckingham Palace. Alexander is slicing fine Scottish tweed des-

tined for a Japanese golf course.

Upstairs in his office, Cundey is fielding calls from former U. S. Ambassador Charles Price. fixing the June trip to the United States to service the 2,000 American clients and arranging the transportation of Sir Winston Churchill (in waxwork form) to Tokyo. Henry Poole will celebrate 30 years collaboration with the Matsuzakaya firm in Japan with a traveling exhibition in Tokyo from September.

Cundey and his son Simon, 24, make up the fourth and fifth generations of a family business that flourished when Edward VII. as Prince of Wales, made flamboyant mixes of tweed checks his personal signature and "Old Pooley's" premises into a gentlemens club a deal with in an egalitarian age than when he Pooley's" premises into a gentlemens club a

century ago.

Now British clients are just 30 percent. Americans 40 percent, 20 percent are from Continental Europe and 10 percent are from the rest of the world.

What do the modern clients look for --- and especially the persnickety French who will come next week at the rate of 20 a day? "Everyone comes to us for the typical English look," says Cundey, adding that the French

What do modern clients look for — especially the persnicketv French?

"more than any other race" appreciate the top quality Super Hundred wools and cashmere and "don't ask how long it will wear or how much it costs."

"Usually we are accused of being old-fashioned and fuddy-duddy — but 90 percent of customers come for a traditional English suit," he says. "Three of our cutters are under 45 and they could do much more innovations. All the time we are aware of fashion."

That does not include following the off-thepeg fashion leaders and making unstructured suits with all the stuffing knocked out of them. "We expect a suit to last - to look elegant after a long time," says Cundey. "However comfortable unstructured suits are, they get

The quiet revolution Cundey has seen since he joined the firm in 1957 is in the lightness of fabrics as the weight of the cloth has halved. demanding ever more subtle technique.

You can argue that we have greater craftsman now than before World War II," he says. With an eight-ounce cloth you have to be more meticulous with the cutting, you can't start manipulating with an iron."

In the workrooms, the staff is turning out here a short coat destined for a very British race meeting; there a super-soft cashmere sports jacket to grace a trans-Atlantic country club; here a cape for the palace staff.

Cundey has vivid memories of his first attempt at making a suit when he inadvertently cut off the cuffs on the pants and effectively ruined an entire bale of cloth. Cundey bemoans the clients who come back

watched his father cope with the "arrogant," autocratic" aristocrats, one of whom rode his horse down the corridor to complain about the cut of his riding breeches. Then clients would "stand on the steps and yell out 'Cundey' and he had to come running." Now Poole's has to avoid matey clients suggesting that they should be on first-name terms.

"That really grates with me. I like Mr. So-and-So' or 'Sir,' he says. "You have to confine the relationship."
"Difficult" clients in the past included Gen-

eral de Gaulle, whose name appears in Henry Poole ledgers from the time that he was living in London Churchill "had no conscience about keeping the tradesmen waiting and would leave the cutters hanging about while he was in the garden. The years of ledgers, filling in client orders in crabby writing and sometimes indeci-pherable code, could tell a tale or two — like who paid for the shapely suits ordered by Lillie

Langtry, mistress of Edward VII. But the ledgers also prove something that surprises in a credit-card age: Current clients are better payers than when Queen Victoria "took two years to settle a bill."

"The new generation of chents are much easier to deal with and young people pay us quicker saying. We want you to survive, "says. Cundey. "Putting aside the recent recession." customers pay much quicker today. And they are a new type of customer. It's not the old aristocracy. It is rather the enterprising businessmen, insurance brokers, doctors, industrialists. They run their own businesses and their sympathies are with the little tailor. Our bad debts are less than most retail shops."

OR all its international renown, Henry Poole is a small business with annual sales of around £2 million (\$3 million). While the ready-to-wear giants have licensed their names across the globe, Poole's tailoring is the core business, although Cundey's father introduced neckties and the Japanese arrangement is financially lucrative. Cundey says that he would like more diversifi-

So is Prime Minister Balladur's tailor rich? The answer is worthy of a gentleman.

"I have job satisfaction," says Cundey. "We don't pay ourselves very much. But we are very privileged to be able to meet charming, clever

Under the Arcades of Palais Royal

By Roni Amelan

ARIS — Waistcoats almost identical to those worn by the agitating aristocrats who clamored for political rights for the third estate during the final days of the ancien regime are back in style under the fake-classical arcades of the Palais Royal an increasingly luxurious haven of tranquillity, despite its turbulent history, in the heart of Paris. The waistcoats are for sale at L'Escalier d'ar-

gent, in what may be termed Europe's oldest shopping mall, in the Galerie de Montpensier. Opened by Danou Jacquard more than a year ago, it reflects its owner's passion for the 17th and 18th centuries, through her selection of furiture and silver and the waistcoats she make herself with reproduction antique fabrics.

Jacquard, the dapper descendant of a family of Lyon silk weavers that gave birth to the inventor of the so-called Jacquard loom, takes her origins seriously. She is eager to explain the technical and artistic background of the ex-traordinarily refined reproductions of 17thand 18th-century fabrics she commissions from

Jacquard is also an antique dealer and interior decorator. She still regards her waistcoats as a sideline, begun "because my son wanted something extravagant to wear that was not vulgar." She has been doing a brisk trade in these waistcoats, which range in price from 1,000 to 2,800 francs, or about \$175 to \$490 (for a Louis XV droguet, the name given to a three-tone weave with particular relief). Her collection of waistcoats also features 1930s couture fabrics designed by and for the great names of French fashion history such as Chanel, Jeanne

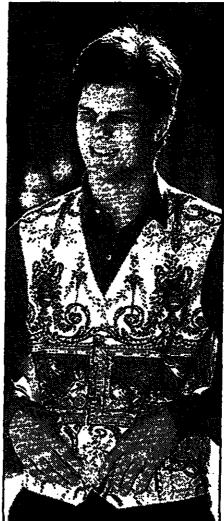
Lanvin and so on. Which naturally takes you a few steps away to an antique couture shop favored by "many American and British women over 40 who dress up a lot, go out and have fabulous lifestyles," according to Didier Ludot, the owner of the shoo by the same name at 20 Galerie Montpen-

Ludot has clearly done everything to make his establishment as unlike a secondhand clothes shop as possible. His mannequins sporting the fashions of the '30s to the '70s offer very wearable items for prices ranging from 3,000 francs — for a little black couture dress — to the occasional extravaganza at more than 50,000. Typical prices hover around 6,000 to 9,000 francs, for a Grès chiffon dress of 1965 for example, or a 1953 suite by Paquin.

A little further along is the boutique where Ludot sells secondhand ready-to-wear. A Chanel Boutique suit here costs only 6,000 francs. Prices for contemporary apparel are 50 percent

cheaper than the original price.

The boutique also sells haxny bags and luggage (the basic Hermes Kelly handbag can be had for 8,000 francs), including the occasional exceptional item, like a crocodile suitcase with its original assortment of ivory and silver flasks. containers and brushes at 27,000 francs. Ludot also deals in old shoes and custom jewelry at



Waistcoat from L'Escalier d'argent.

Ludot has been at the Palais Royal for 20 years, and has been following the rise of the garden and galleries from somnolent decrepi-tude to new chic.

Little of the 17th century remains in the Palais Royal, which owes its current form to the Duc d'Orléans, who built the arcades, apartments and shops surrounding three sides of the rectangle to be rented out for profit to cover his debts in the late 18th century.

As in any shopping mall in Europe or the United States, the architecture here mainly aims for effect. Yet, such is the quality of 18thcentury French buildings that only a purist will point to the tackiness of the composite columns that adorn the houses' facades.

A sense of formal beauty is achieved by the arcades and their worn flagstones and by the old garden, whose overall design goes back to André Le Nôtre, the 17th-century landscape architect, and was recently rehabilitated by the American Mark Rudkin. He has reconciled the French gardener's apparent aversion to nature with an Anglo-Saxon love of vegetation.

Decorative hybrids are a specialty here, and few are more striking than Les Salons du Palais Royal Shiseido, where the Japanese cosmetics firm invested 10 million francs to create a shop and room to promote its image.

At 142 Galerie de Valois, Serge Luten stretches the limits of interior decorating with handpainted walls and ceilings featuring a bestiary of dancing insects, suns and moons set around a superb spiral staircase. Les Salons, despite their Japanese "imperial purple" color scheme, embody a fantasy of French huxury and late 18th-

iking

The Palais Royal offers natural inspiration to a number of interior decorators. The quest for refinement is given a particularly effete twist at 54 Galerie de Montpensier, where a leading British firm, Mlinaric, Henry and Zervudachi, has its French offshoot. In England, the firm's clients include people as unrelated as Eric Clap-ton and Jacob Rothschild but Tino Zervudachi refuses to divulge the names of any of his French clients. He opened the Palais Royal branch, which has a shop stocked with just a few beautiful objects on the ground floor and an apartment-cum-showroom on the first floor. two years ago. Zervudachi does, however, comment that the French have "a much more analytical approach to decorating and are less into showy pieces than the English."

An analytical approach may indeed be behind the choice of quite a few of Jeanne Gambert de Loche's choices, across the garden in the Galerie de Valois. A former director of Jansen, once the largest decorating firm in the world whose clients included the shah of Iran, most of the Gulf states and the White House, Gambert de Loche says she took over the shop three years ago, after Jansen went out of business, to "provide the things I like to my clients."

HE has a limited number of contemporary creations and likes to concentrate on what she calls '40s "colonial art"; artifacts from the colonies, sometime made expressly for the European market. Many of Gambert de Loche's pieces are on the ironic side of the politically correct. Her Vallanris ceramics are equally challenging to received ideas about good taste.

Gambert de Loche's sense of humor offers a welcome contrast to the serious air of huxury that is increasingly permeating the arcades, which used to be the beating heart of Paris in the 18th and early 19th centuries, when cafes, shops, political clubs and houses of ill repeated from throngs of Parisians. With some signs of decrease cristians the Delais Pount commissions for the decay existing, the Palais Royal remains, for the time being at least, a pleasant time capsule; a place of repose where strollers can only regret that the two cafes with their garden terraces are tacky and overpriced.

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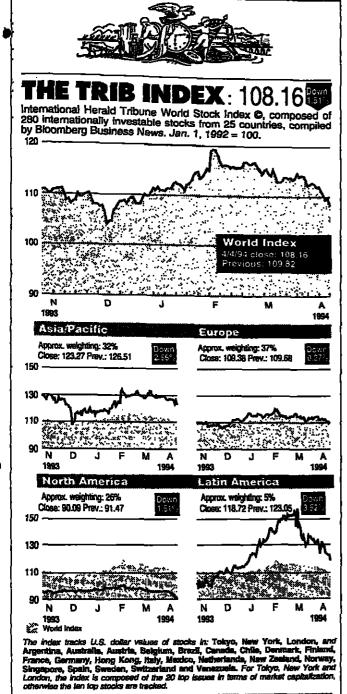
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Disney Loses Its No. 2

Frank Wells, 62, Aided Rebound

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LOS ANGELES - Frank G. Wells, the president and chief operating officer of the Walt Disney Co. and a key part of one of the biggest turnarounds in American corporate history, was killed in a helicopter crash Sunday during a skiing expedition in northeast Nevada.

The death of Mr. Wells, 62, who led Disney with Chairman Michael D. Eisner for the past 10 years, sent shock waves through an industry where management stability is rare. Mr. Wells and Mr. Eisner formed the second-longest entertainment company regime in Hollywood, behind the Warner Brothers duo of Robert Daly and Terry Semel.

There are no words to express my shock and sense of loss." Mr. Eisner said.

Disney was in danger of being dismantled by a host of corporate raiders when Mr. Eisner and Mr. Wells were tapped to hold it together in 1984. In a coup eventually led by Roy E. Disney, the nephew of the founder, Walt Disney, the company's former regime was ousted. Roy Disney had become disen-chanted with a company that he once said seemed to resembled a real estate concern more than an entertainment business.

The new leaders turned the com-

placent company around, making the theme parks turn a profit and turning out such popular films as "Splash," "Beauty and the Beast," and "Aladdin." The company added a major retailing business and became the leader in selling home

Until last year, when the compa ny's earnings were dented by losses at Euro Disney SCA, which is 49 percent owned by Walt Disney Co., the Eisner-Wells partnership had been pure gold. The company's market value leaped from \$2 billion when the two took over to \$22 billion by late 1992.

Mr. Wells and other Disney executives became the best-paid executives in the United States. In 1989, See DISNEY, Page 12

A Sour Note in the Tango Political Jitters Weigh on Latin Funds

By Kathryn Jones

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Latin America funds, after posting remarkable returns last year, showed their volatile side in the first quarter. Mainly because of political and economic uncertainties in Mexico, these funds ended the period with small losses and narrow gains.

The Latin America funds had a strong January despite the bloody Chiapas uprising in Mexico, and continued performing well in February when the Bolsa

hit a peak. But in March the peso weakened against the dollar, and Mexican stocks slipped, as speculative money that had flowed in from foreign investors flowed out after approval of the the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Then Luis Donaldo Colosio Murrieta, the governing party's presidential candidate, was as-

"Things were looking O.K.
until the last week of March,"
said Eileen Sanders, who follows emerging markets for Morningstar Inc., the mutual-fund rating agency in Chicago.

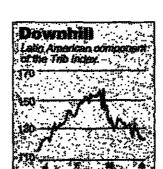
The Scudder Latin America Fund, which surged 74.3 percent in 1993, fell 0.6 percent in the

first three months of this year. Fidelity Latin America ended the period off 8 percent.

Despite such poor showings, the Latin funds outperformed funds in other emerging markets, notably Hong Kong and elsewhere in Southeast Asia, where markets declined.

The Latin American fund managers, ever bullish on their long-term prospects, are warning investors to lower their shortterm expectations.

The returns last year were spectacular, so there was an expectation that that would hap-pen again this year," said Wil-liam F. Truscott, a principal of Scudder, Stevens & Clark Inc. and assistant portfolio manager of the Scudder Latin America



Fund. "Investors should be more cautious this year."

Ms. Sanders said she expected continued volatility. "Events in Mexico are far from over," she said, and a recession is widely expected there. "In the long term, though, it will be a blip on a very bumpy line."

Among closed-end funds, which have a fixed number of shares and are traded on stock exchanges, Mexican funds were hit particularly hard early this year, Colin Mathews, a Morning-star analyst said, adding, "My guess is that it's probably going to be a pretty bumpy ride all the way up to the elections [in August]."

Mexico is not the only problem for investors in Latin America. Brazil, which had strong economic growth last year, looks more uncertain this year because of presidential elections in October and lingering concerns about in-

So far this year, the major index on the Mexican market has declined 14.5 percent, while the comparable Brazilian market index has risen 41.9 percent.

Those two markets account for the majority of Latin investments. In the smaller markets, Argenti-

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Prices Jump in Chinese Cities

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

prices, vegetables cost 53.5 percent more in February curbed," a government economist said. than in the year before. Grain prices rose 39.9 percent, meat prices rose 31.7 percent and seafood products were 37 percent more expensive.

The government said much of the inflation was due to

price gouging by middlemen and unscrupulous vendors, highest price increases, but named 18 in which inflaand has ordered local governments to send price inspection registered between 26 percent and 39.3 percent. tors into markets to roll back inflated prices.

Last week, the government sent inspection teams to whip local governments into line on its price control policy. Regulations issued in January outlined price crilings and limits on retail profit margins for foodstuffs and daily necessities.

China is especially wary of inflation because the BELJING — Inflation reached an annual rate of combination of runaway prices and an economic 25.9 percent in China's 35 largest cities in February, downturn provided millions of supporters for the with staple food prices rising the fastest, the State
Statistical Bureau reported Monday.

Despite government efforts to limit escalating food

These fierce price rises should be watched closely, and chaotic or opportunistic price hikes must be

> The government's target for nationwide inflation was an annual 10 percent, but in the first two months of the year, inflation has been running at 20 percent.
> The bureau did not specify which city had the

All of the 18 cities named were in the eastern half of

(Bloomberg, AP, AFP)

Northrop Wins Bidding War For Grumman

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BETHPAGE, New York -Grumman Corp. on Monday accepted a buyout offer from Northrop Corp. of \$62 a share, or \$2.17 billion, ending a month-long bidding was and creating one of the largest U.S. military contractors. In a letter to shareholders dated Monday, Grumman's chairman. Renso Caporali, said the company

agreed to be acquired by Northrop for \$7 a share more than a bid submitted by Martin Marietta Corp. Grumman had previously agreed to accept that bid. Grumman's board on Sunday "unanimously adopted" resolu-

tions stating that it had determined that Northrop's bid was superior to the one made by Martin Marietta, according to a filing Grumman made Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The new company is to be called Northrop Grumman Corp. It would have more than 40,000 employees, annual sales of more than \$8 billion and firm orders of more than \$13 billion.

"The combination of Northrop and Grumman is a great strategic fit," said Kent Kresa, Northrop chairman and chief executive.

He said that Northrop was paying a "fair" price, and the acquisition would be neutral to this year's earnings and boost those in 1995.

In a letter dated Friday, Mr. Kresa had said Northrop, maker of the B-2 Stealth bomber, was willing to pay up to \$66 a share for Grumman, and would give "serious con-sideration" to making higher offers. Wall Street arbitragers, who had

sent Gramman stock to nearly \$65 per share in recent weeks on hopes of a higher bid, were disappointed with Monday's price. Grumman's stock plunged \$3 per share on Monday to \$61.625. Shares of both suitors fell. Nor-

throp stock lost \$2.125 to \$37.75 the process and price paid. and Martin Marietta dropped \$1.50 to \$42.50. The bidding war started March 10 when Northrop made a hostile,

\$60-a-share offer for Grumman,

topping Martin Marietta's previous

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stockholders," It also said the \$55 a share offer expires at midnight. Northrop, seeking Grumman's JSTARS aircraft-borne radar system as a complement to its jet contracts, had been talking with Grumman for about a year before the Martin Marietta deal came along. In their talks, Northrop had

In a brief statement Monday,

Martin Marietta said raising its \$55 a share offer "would not be in the

valued at \$1.9 billion.

said it would be willing to pay at least \$50 per share for Grumman. Northrop executives reacted to the Grumman-Martin Marietta deal with bitterness, and Northrop came back with its hostile bid, rare

in the defense industry. Northrop executives were infuriated that Grumman had agreed to pay Martin Marietta \$50 million plus up to \$8.8 million in expenses if another company wound up buy-

ing Grumman. Last Friday, Martin Marietta sent a letter to Grumman that appeared to concede defeat. Martin Marietta said Grumman could not merge with Northrop until Martin Marietta received the \$58.8 million

in expenses and termination fee. Martin Marietta's chairman, Norman Augustine, also said in the letter that Grumman could not merge with Northrop while the \$55 per share agreement was still in

Martin Marietta, based in Bethesda, Maryland, has finished much of its consolidation in the rocket business by purchasing GE Aerospace and the General Dynamics space launch division. Wolfgang Demisch, an aero-

space analyst at BT Securities, said he suspected Mr. Augustine was unwilling to enter a high-stakes war for Grumman "where you don't have the same kind of control" over

Under the agreement signed this weekend, Northrop would also be entitled to a \$50 million termination fee if Grumman's board decided to accept a rival offer.

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Thinking Ahead /Commentary

Can the West Survive Its Own Success?

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune

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TASHINGTON -- Is the world now safe for capitalism? Has the West won for good? Four and a half years since the fall of the Berlin Wall, it is becoming fashionable in American academic circles — though not yet political circles — to critique the West's strengths and weaknesses in the aftermath of its Cold War victory.

The agonizing over American decline that marked the late 1980s has long gone. So has the "end-of-history" triumphalism of the early 1990s. Now the more sober question is whether Western free-market democracy is in good enough shape to establish itself more or less worldwide, under American leadership.

Will the West split into warring camps now that there is no common external threat from communism, and nationalism appears to be on the rise? Will Western free-market principles gov-

ern the global economy, or will they be eclipsed by new philosophies, perhaps based in Asia? What does the West need to do to ensure that its interests will prevail? A debate conducted in the New York-based World Policy Journal is producing spirited exchanges between optimists and pessimists about the West's future.

On the optimistic side, Daniel Deudney and C. John Ikenberry, both of the University of Pennsylvania, argue for the resilience of the West's common values, backed up by international institutions ranging from NATO to the International Monetary Fund. At the other extreme, Bruce Cumings of the University of Chicago says there is a risk

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in a non-Western sea, and hopes for an era of peace collapse.

This is the kind of debate that ought to have happened when President George Bush announced a New World Order without doing anything to make it come about. Now at least some members of President Bill Clinton's administration are asking the questions, even if they have only partial answers.

One such is the proposal by the national security adviser, W. Anthony Lake, that the

The failure of rival creeds means free-market democracy has been given another

Cold War strategy of containment be replaced by one of enlargement of the community of free-market democracies.

That community, of course, is not monolithic. The brands of capitalism practiced by, say, the United States, France and Japan, the West's only honorary Asian member, are quite different — and the differences look sharper now that communism has been defeated. Germany and Japan are increasingly flex-

ing their muscles to assert their own interests over those of their partners. There is a growing recognition, even inside the U.S. administration, that Asian values will play a greater role in the management of

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the global economy - although that role is as yet undefined. It is obvious that the balance of world economic power is shifting against the West. that "the West becomes a beleaguered island and other countries are demonstrating that

Western-style democracy is not always a pre-

requisite for economy success. As Mr. Cumings points out, in the past 25 years capitalism has flourished under East Asian regimes that have been highly authori-

Meanwhile, much of the democratic West is bogged down with slow growth and, espe-cially in Europe, heavy and debilitating un-employment. The United States, while grow-ing faster, faces horrific social problems, to which its economic and political system is still far from producing answers.

But the West is nevertheless trying to expand, through the North American Free Trade Area in North, Central and soon South America, and, in Europe, through the incorporation of Central and Eastern Europe into the Western fold. The first developing country, Mexico, is about to be admitted into one of the West's most exclusive clubs, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The optimists argue that despite its apparent divisions the West, including Japan, is in fact becoming more homogeneous as its economies and political systems intertwine, and more firmly fixed on the path of peace. Even if three major economic blocs emerge in America, Europe and Asia, they do not neces-

sarily have to fight one another. Mr. Lake's enlargement doctrine is at least a start, even if it is unclear how it changes anything in practice. Much more thought needs

to be given to its implementation. The world is not yet safe for capitalism or democracy.

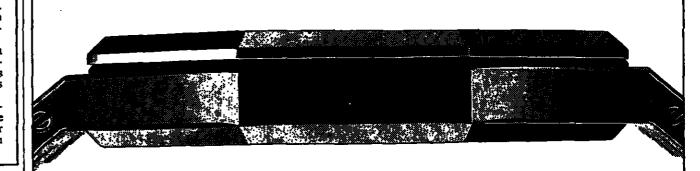
In the words of Sir Michael Howard, formerly of Yale and Oxford universities, "the failure of rival creeds does not mean that our own is bound to succeed, only that it has been given another chance."

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Rate Outlook Helps **Dollar Keep Gains**

NEW YORK - The dollar, buoyed by the prospect of higher U.S. interest rates, held onto the bulk of its sharp gain of two pfen-

nig on Friday. The U.S. unit closed at 1.6955 Deutsche marks, down slightly from 1.6972 DM on Friday.

Traders had bought dollars heavily on Friday as interest rates

Foreign Exchange

climbed following a government report showing the biggest gain in jobs since 1987. The Labor Department said the economy added 456,000 jobs in March, double what some analysts predicted.

But traders said that the U.S. unit's rise had still been firmly capped below 1.70 DM on Monday and that there was little incentive to test that resistance level ahead of the reopening of European trading rooms on Tuesday after the Easter holiday.

They said the general expecta-tion that the Federal Reserve Board would push up interest rates for the third time in the near future continued to provide support for the dollar. But they added that it was not sufficient to encourage funds.

fresh buying until there was a clear- (AFX, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder) was not sufficient to encourage

er indication of when German rates will resume their downward path. In the absence of other fresh fundamental news, dealers said that Wall Street's rebound from early

weakness despite sharp drops in the bond market had been a major contributor to the dollar's stability.

The only reason the dollar did

not "fall further is that people expected stocks to decline" by a wid-er margin, said Keith Cheveralls. an exchange trader at First National Bank of Boston. Against other currencies, the

dollar was quoted at 1.4250 Swiss francs, down from 1.4267 francs on Friday, and at 5.7958 French francs, up slightly from 5.7940 francs. The dollar slipped, howev-

er, to 103.145 yen from 103.65 yen. The pound tumbled to a sevenweek low against the dollar amid concern about Prime Minister John Major's political future as opposition mounted within his party to recent policies. The pound was quoted at \$1.4665, down from \$1.4735 on Friday.

Meanwhile, crude oil futures in New York surged on Monday by 98 cents, to \$15.77 per barrel, as a result of a technical rise spurred by strong buying by commodity

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Robert Walberg of MMS International, who said he thought the market had more room to fall, pointed out that "they are usually the last to sell and they will pay

There was no sign of large-scale mutual fund redemptions, although Wall Street expects singed bond fund investors to continue cashing out and fleeing back to the safety of bank certificates of depos-

U.S. Stocks

its, from whence many of them came when interest rates fell to record lows last year. Interest rates on CDs are rising again as the Fed tightens monetary policy.

Henry Kaufman, a noted Wall Street economist and money manager, said a bond rally was likely soon as European countries lower interest rates. But he warned it would not start a bull market because of major structural changes in world finance ranging from "high octane" portfolio managers working with borrowed money to the attraction of foreign and espe-

cially emerging markets.

"This volatility in financial markets will increase and periodic trading rallies will tend to be shortlived," said Mr. Kaufman, who earned the nickname of Dr. Doom for his accurate forecasts of skyrocketing interest rates during the

inflation of the 1970s. long slog, with its length and intensity dependent on which guru is talking. Most are touting a correction monday on evidence that the assassing the state of tion of 10 to 15 percent from its recent highs, which, if they are corcandidate was a conspiracy rather

Mr. Walberg predicts a 20 percent drop by autumn because of the attractions of European bond markets and the Japanese stock market. He said fund managers would take their cash out of Wall Street their cash out of Wal Mr. Walberg predicts a 20 perbonds, in a gamble on lower rates and higher prices, and Japan, in a gamble on an economic recovery there.

Meanwhile, he forecast that Wail Street would be growing only in single digits for two to five years.

■ Cyclicals and Nasdaq Slip

Cyclical stocks, such as auto, paper, chemical and heavy machinery ssues, led broad-market losers on Monday, while the Nasdaq index was pulled down by technology stocks, wire services reported.

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maker of computer workstations. Novell fell 14 to 16% in active trading, while Intel lost 4 to 674 and Cisco Systems dropped 1% to

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throp fell 21/2 to 37% and Martin

Continued from Page 1 Marietta slipped 11/2 to 421/2.

Magainin Pharmaceuticals plunged more than half its value, losing 7% to 5% after it said its leading drug, which is used to treat a serious skin infection, showed no statistical advantage over a place-

Parallan Computer, a vendor of server equipment that sells exclusively to IBM, fell 41/2 to 61/2 after saying it planned to cut 25 percent of its work force while it seeks other revenue sources. Parallan said it may break even for the first quar ter, which ended in March. IBM lost 1% to 53.

Woolworth fell 21/4 to 12% after the retailer's chairman and chief financial officer resigned on a temporary basis while the company probes possible accounting irregu-

Federal-Mogul Corp. fell 4 to 2914 after the auto-parts company said it planned to close a distribution facility and a packaging plant, cutting about 160 jobs.

Genentech jumped 234 to 4634 after the biotechnology company was raised to "strong buy" from "buy" by David Molowa, an analyst at Bear, Stearns & Co.

Eli Lilly & Co. fell % at 49% after the drug maker recalled several prescription oral antibiotics because some customers reported finding plastic caps inside the bot-

Wall Street now seems set for a in heavy trading, tracking a plunge in the Mexican stock market, Mexirect, means the market is almost than the act of a lone deranged

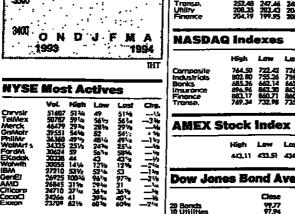
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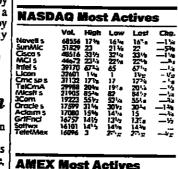
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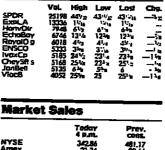
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Mr. Wells earned more than \$50

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Mr. Wells, a lawyer, also was a

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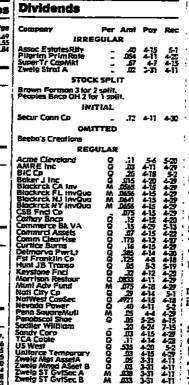
Emerging Now, It's African Stocks

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Africa, particularly that part of the continent south of the Sahara, has become a hot new target for international investing. In the last two months. brokerage firms in New York have floated three new funds - and raised more than \$350 million - to invest in Southern Africa.

And according to Fund Decoder, an industry newsletter, four more funds are in the works, including two that plan to invest across the continent. There is good reason to be hope-

ful about the long-term investment prospects for many African countries. The coming multiracial elections in South Africa and the end of sanctions bode well for that country and for many of its neighbors. Economic reforms that are sweeping across Africa may un-



tions are rejecting the socialist poli-cies they adopted after colonial rule ended. Others are being pushed to reform because old sources of money, such as payments from rival

But there are enormous risks for overseas investors, particularly in the short run. They include political instability, weak currencies, fledgling stock markets and, ironically, the very fact that investing in Africa is becoming such a fad.

"There's more money being raised now than there are stocks in Africa. It can't go on," said James P. Rogers, who was an early investor in African stocks. He now has holdings in Ghana, Botswana. Zimbabwe, South Africa and Zambia, as well as in companies that do business in Nigeria, Kenya and the

The allure of Africa is its potential for economic growth that will far surpass that of the industrial nations. A few African countries, including Botswana, Ghana and Kenya, have sustained growth rates of 5 percent a year in their gross national products, said Michel ZhuParris, a portfolio manager for Morgan Stanley Asset Manage-ment in New York.

Morgan Stanley runs one of the closed-end funds floated this year its Africa Investment Fund. The others are Alliance Capital Management's Southern Africa Fund and Robert Fleming's New South Africa Fund

Much of the new interest in Africa began in South Africa, where the stock market is relatively large and well established. When sanctions were lifted last year, foreigners

In 1993, South African shares rose 26 percent on average, according to Birinyi Associates.

Other African markets have shown even more spectacular increases, at least in local currencies. Last year, for example, stocks rose 41 percent in Nigeria, 67 percent in Mauritius, 116 percent in Ghana, 117 percent in Kenya and 161 per-

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(LAT, AP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

told Mr. Gold over lunch.

Manufacturing Expanded in March

NEW YORK (AP) - American manufacturing expanded for the seventh straight month in March, a trade group of corporate purchasing managers said Monday.

The National Association of Purchasing Management said its index of manufacturing activity rose to 56.7 percent from 56.6 percent in February. A reading above 50 indicates the manufacturing economy is expanding "We had a very strong month of production in March," said Robert J. Bretz, chairman of the association and purchasing director at Pitney Bowes Inc. "New orders continued to expand, but the rate of growth

seems to be leveling off in new orders and backlog of orders." Prices, a key indicator of inflation, continued to rise in March, but at a more subdued rate than in February. The association's price index fell to 64.2 percent in March, from 67 percent in February.

Drugstore Deal Costs \$600 Million

TWINSBURG, Ohio (AP) — Revco DS Inc. said Monday that it had agreed to buy Hook-SupeRx Inc. in a \$600 million deal that would create one of the biggest drug store chains in the country.

Revco, which has about 1,200 stores, said it would pay \$13.75 a share for Hook-SupeRx's 20.1 million shares. Hook's stock rose \$3.625 a share

to \$12.75 after the announcement. The \$600 million figure includes assumed debt from Hook-SupeRx. Hook-SupeRx operates nearly 1,200 stores in 22 states. Revco said the deal would strengthen its presence in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee.

IBM Machine Fights the Networks

NEW YORK (Reuters) - International Business Machines Corp. is launching the first of its low-cost, microprocessor-based mainframe computers in a bid to restore falling revenues in its core business. Analysts said IBM would announce on Tuesday two machines with parallel processing architecture, one designed for transactions and another for large database queries. The computer giant is also to add five new models to its line of AS/9000

nainframes and make some aggressive moves in software pricing. IBM, struggling to return to consistent profit and revenue growth, has been forced to deal with the move by computer users to lower-cost PCs, or clients, linked together in networks by hardware boxes called servers

controlling the data and functions. IBM hopes that its new generation of mainframes will help delay customers from converting to the client-server environment.

Founder to Sell Four Seasons Hotels

TORONTO (Combined Dispatches) — Four Seasons Hotels Inc.'s shares sank after its founder, Isadore Sharp, announced over the weekend he intended to sell the worldwide luxury hotel chain.

Four Seasons stock lost 37.5 cents to 10.50 Canadian dollars (\$7.55), surprising analysts who had expected the stock to jump on the news.

The luxury hotel chain, based in Toronto, said it had hired Goldman, Sachs & Co. to find a buyer for all publicly held shares and, then after three to five years, to acquire the block held by Mr. Sharp and his family. Mr. Sharp, 62, owns 18 percent of Four Seasons' equity, but controls 70 percent of the votes. (Reuters, Knight-Ridder)

General Mills Cuts Cheerios Price

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — General Mills Inc. said Monday it would cut prices on its largest cereal brands, such as Cheerios and Wheaties, by 11 percent on average. At the same time, it will reduce spending on cereal coupons and promotions by more than \$175 million annually.

The company said the number of coupons issued by cereal manufacturers had grown by 6 billion in four years, while the number of coupons redeemed did not change: "The money we were spending to print, distribute and handle those additional coupons was not benefiting consumers."

Weekend Box Office

LOS ANGELES — "Major League II" topped the weekend box office, earning an estimated \$7 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers based on Friday ticket sales and estimated sales for Saturday and Sunday.

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Teléfonos de México's American LATIN: Growth in Funds Stalls

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Chile's is up 3.7 percent.
Even before Mexican stocks

started slipping this year, some the unit of T. Rowe Price that man-fund managers reduced their exposure, citing a possible recession and a one-trick act," he said. concerns that stocks had become Mr. Wendler said companies overpriced in anticipation of the stood to benefit as the government

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growing political uncertainty up to the elections on Aug. 21.

The Merrill Lynch Latin Ameri-(Bloomberg AP) can fund had a lighter Mexican Asian Stocks Drop in Step exposure than its peers last year and will remain cautious this year, The weakness on Wall Street also Grace Pineda, the fund's manager, sent Asian investors running for said. Just over 30 percent of the cover on Monday, with most major fund's assets are in Mexico.

Fund, one of the oldest and bestperforming Latin American funds, has reduced its weighting in Mexico to between 30 and 33 percent from 45 percent at the beginning of the year. "We were already bearish on Mexico," said Soraya Betterton, the fund's manager.

Still, she and other fund managers said they expected long-term growth in the Mexican stock market and that certain indicators, like low interest rates, were favorable for economic growth.

Furthermore, Mexico's relatively ses displayed some staying power market closed.

and depth to the economic and na's index is down 4 percent, and political reforms instituted by the current administration, said William F. Wendler, vice president of

> spent more money on infrastruc-ture and addressed the domestic problems that spurred the Chiapas revolt. "Mexico is going to be the locomotive for Latin America," Mr. Wendler said.

On Sales View

Bloomberg Business News

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California und's assets are in Mexico.

GT Latin America Growth fund, one of the oldest and bestcomputer workstation maker late last week that its third-quarter revenue would be less than some analysts' estimates.

Sun Microsystems shares closed at \$22, down \$5.375. Sun Microsys-tems executives were not available

At least four analysts reduced their ratings and earnings estimates for Sun Microsystems on Monday, pointing to the company's surprise announcement about third-quarter smooth handling of the recent cri-

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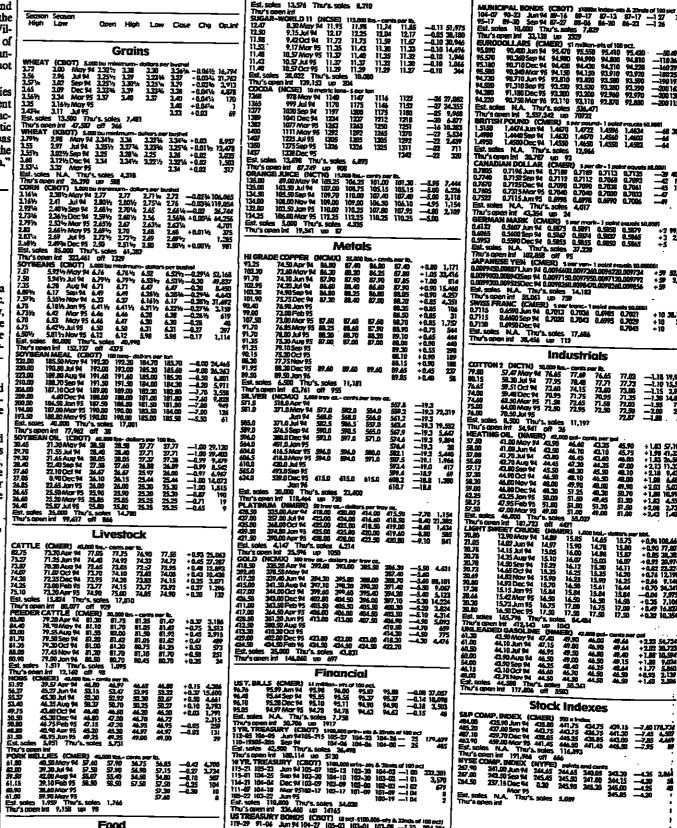
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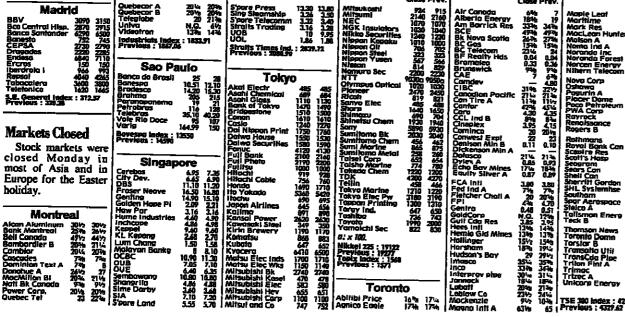
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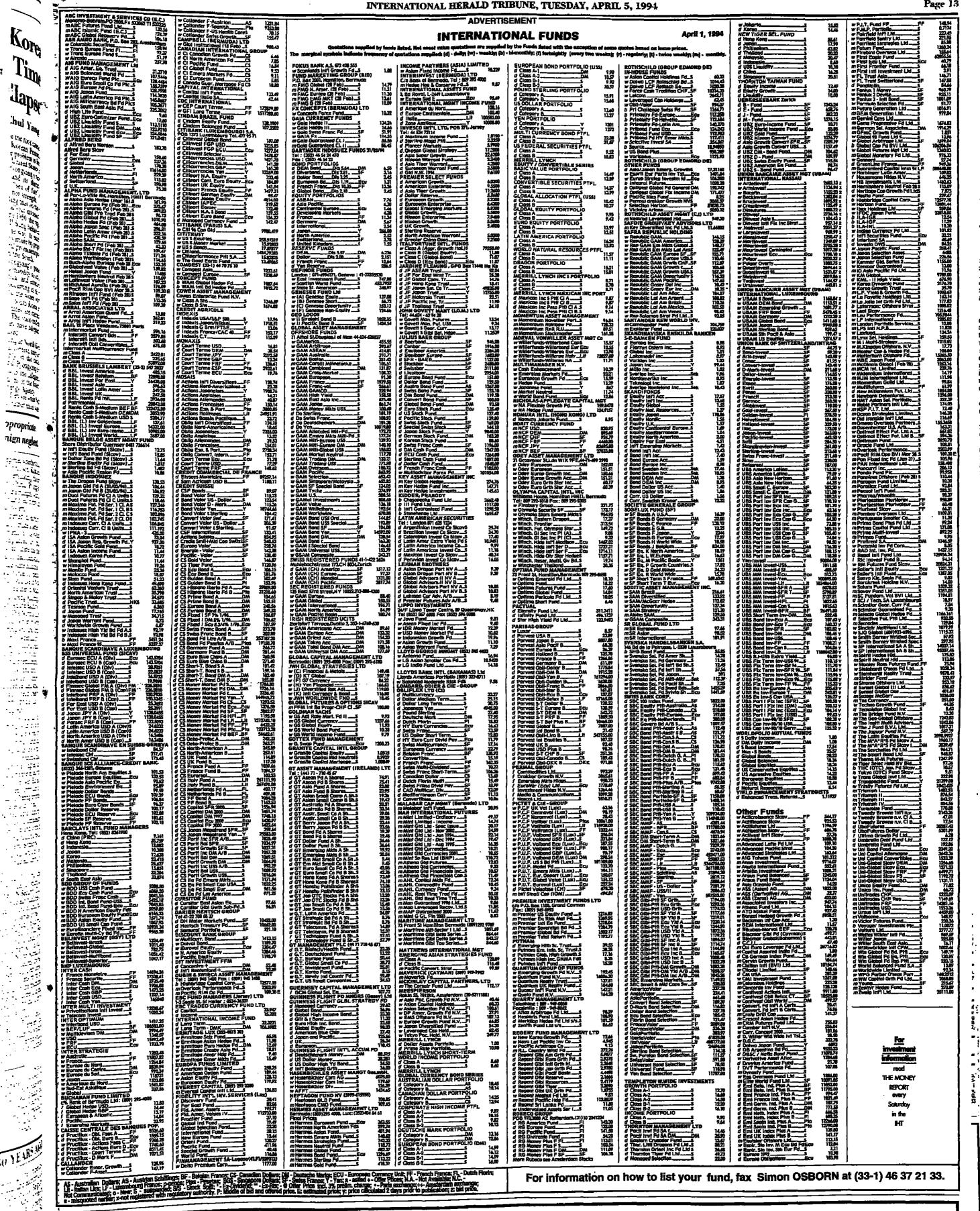
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Turkey Braces For a Bout of **Belt-Tightening**

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches ANKARA - Prime Minister cording to the sources. Tansu Ciller called on Turks Monday to "tighten their belts" to make economic recovery possible in line running losses, including the Zonwith a set of austerity measures she guldak coal mines and the Karabuk was scheduled to announce on

She said in a television appearbut that "this bitter restructuring was inevitable in the interest of our children's future.'

She did not say what the measures were on Monday, but analysts expected them to be aimed at correcting budget deficits and halting the drop of the Turkish curren-Government sources have said they include a wage freeze for the civil service and a substantial in-crease of prices and taxes for at

Economists had estimated that without the measures the inflation rate would have exceeded 100 percent this year, up from about 70 percent last year.

To cut budget expenditures to the bone, no government investments are planned for Turkey for at least six months. In addition, price increases ranging from 50 to 150 percent are expected for products coming under the public sector such as gasoline, tobacco, alcohol, and iron and steel.

Rail and air fares will also be and April I.

raised, as well as postal rates, ac-The steps include closure of state-owned companies that are

steel mills on the Black Sea. *Economic State of Siege" was the headline on the daily Milliyet ance that the measures would hurt on Monday on an article which maintained that farm subsidies would also be cut. The popular dai-Sabah, meanwhile, trumpeted that there would be "six months of hell" and that "1994 will be a black

> Analysts said that the central bank may also raise banks' reserve requirements in a bid to help the frail lira regain its credibility. Some bankers said the dollar. which has more than doubled against the lira since Jan. 1. was

year for wage earners."

overvalued against the Turkish The Istanbul Stock Exchange index surged 8.84 percent, to close at 16,356.48, as investors rushed to bny shares on the prediction that Mrs. Ciller's measures would bene-

fit the economy. The first reason behind today's rally is the political optimism, the second is cheap share prices," said Kerem Korur, assistant to the general manager at Hak Securities. The market had slumped 48 percent in the period between Jan. 13 (AFP, Reuters)

Inflation in Russia Slows **To 15-Month Low of 8.7%**

MOSCOW — Russia got some good economic news Monday when the government arrangement arrange when the government announced that the inflation rate fell below 9 policies pursued by Boris G. Fyopercent a month in March, the low-dorov, the former finance minister, est level since economic reforms in the last quarter of 1993. began in January 1992.

Consumer prices have jumped 46 down the government's budget defpercent since the start of the year, which in most countries would be considered extremely high. For in January. Russia, however, the inflation rate in March was comparatively low.

The rate had averaged 20 percent a month in 1993. This year, it fell flation by opening the financial from 22 percent in January to 9.9 taps and flooding industry with percent in February and then cheap credit.

to be partly a delayed effect of the

Mr. Fyodorov fought to hold icit and tighten monetary policy. He quit during a cabinet shakeup

He also predicted that Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin's new cabinet would cause hyperin-

Telefónica's Overseas Adventure Spanish Operator Pushes Rapidly Into Latin America

By Ana Westley New York Times Service MADRID - Barely three years ago, Spain's telephone mopopoly looked like a corporate dinosaur facing extinction, as competition imposed by the European Union loomed in 2003.

Instead, Telefônica de España took a modest international subsidiary that once sold hardware. injected it with \$824 million ofcapital and built it into a major player in the international communications world.

The subsidiary. Telefonica Internacional, has been snapping up Latin American acquisitions as soon as they come up on the privatization block and transforming them from chaos to profit-generating enterprises.

Telefónica has put two Spanish executives educated in the United States in charge of the unit and has beaten American companies for deals in their own backyard.

Telefónica's stock, capitalized at \$13 billion as of Jan. 31, is quoted on stock exchanges in New York, London, Paris, Frankfurt and Tokyo, as well as Madrid. The Spanish government owns about a 30 percent stake.

Telefónica has succeeded by tapping its experience building telephone systems at home practi-cally from scratch and by backing them up with heavy investment. It has also benefited from Spain's linguistic ties to Latin America.

"We have the best ditch-digging technology around," said In-aki Santillana, Telefónica Internacional's chief executive and the architect behind its international expansion. "When it comes to installing a million access lines in record time, no one can beat us."

What Mr. Santillana described as technology is really an operating strategy: buying the latest equipment in bulk, installing new networks at top speed and overhauling old ones, using teams of Spanish technicians sent in like shock troops.

Last month, Telefonica bid a

record \$2 billion for 35 percent of Peru's telephone companies, Compania Peruana de Teléfonos and Entel Perú, to consolidate its leadership position in South American telecommunications.

The successful bid, the largest made by any Spanish company for any acquisition, was more than double that of its closest

rivals for the deal, which included Southwestern Bell Corp.

Telefónica Internacional now owns stakes in Argentina, Chile, Venezuela, Columbia, Uruguay, and Puerto Rico, in addition to ventures in Portugal and Romania. Telefónica itself has become Spain's largest company by sales, accounting for 1.8 percent of the

country's gross domestic product. The company now serves a population of 110 million people in Latin America. Last year Telefónica Interna-

cional's net profit surged 127 per-cent, to 21.3 billion pesetas. Net profit for the Telefonica group rose 17.7 percent last year, to 95.079 billion pesetas. Telefonica, the parent company, developed its skills by laying new access lines in Spain at a rate

of a million lines a year for the last five years. Telefónica had to deal with hundreds of thousands of irate customers who waited months, or years, for a telephone. By the end of 1993, Telefonica had wiped out waiting lists and had modernized much of Spain's

ture, replacing old networks with digital and optic-fiber systems. Spain now has 15 million telephones for a population of 40 million. Along the way, the company improved its once disastrous repu-tation for both local and interna-

telecommunication infrastruc-

tional phone service. International calls, however, remain the most Although the European Union has declared all member nations must open their phone systems to competition by 2003, the Spanish

government has set a goal of doing so by 1998.
Telefonica Internacional was transformed from a sleepy international sales company into a modern telecommunications competitor, with an initial outlay in 1990 of 79.9 billion pesetas.

Mr. Santillana, 45, an economist who holds a doctorate from Indiana University, was brought in from the parent company's financial planning department. Francisco Ros, 43, a telecommunications engineer with a doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology headed Telefónica's technica! team.

"We decided it was time to share not only language and cul-ture, but also business," said Candido Velázquez, chairman of Mr. Santillana recalled. Some emthe Telefonica group, who pre-ployees were rerouting company

Lots of Hookups Telefónica de España has poured investment capital into overseas telecommunications and related companies. Here are its equity stakes. In Latin America ARGENTINA Teletonica de Argentina Telephone service 19.3 Business telephone 25.0 T; CHILE та стс Telephone service 20.0 Long-distance Directory publishing 53.6 3 COLOMBU Cocelco Cellular service PERU CPT Telephone service PUERTO RICO Long-distance URUGUAY Celular 📇 Cellular service VENEZUELA Telephone service 6.4 :: CANTV In Other Countries

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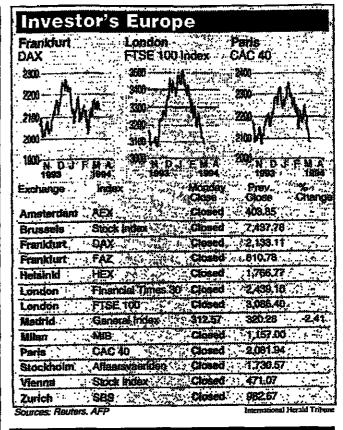
Source: Telefónica de España

Telefónica's first plunge came in 1990 with the purchase of near-20 percent of Telefónica de Árgentina, as well as management control, for \$415.7 million.

"It looked like a total disaster,"

lines and pocketing the charges. Some residents shared phones by stringing their own wires from window to window. Lack of maintenance left many networks inoperable. Equipment, bought years earlier, sat in warehouses

"Despite the chaos, we realized dle." Mr. Ros said



Very briefly:

 Banco Bibao Vizcaya is seeking an alliance with Fomentos de Construc-ciones & Contratos SA, the Spanish construction company, and other nonfinancial business to form a group to bid for a stake in Banco Español de Crédito SA, known as Banesto.

 Argentaria Corporación Bancaria de España SA, which is 50.1 percent state-owned, will only bid for a stake in Banesto if it contibutes to the troubled bank's profitability, the chairman of Argentaria said.

• Madrid, the only major stock market trading in Europe on Monday, saw share prices tumble about 3.3 percent as investors sold amid concern about plunging U.S. equities.

Foreign Orders Expected To Boost German Output

MUNICH - West German industrial production will rise by 2 percent this year, boosted chiefly by foreign demand, the Ifo economic research institute predicted Monday, Industrial output fell by 8 percent last year.

up an inflation-adjusted 2 percent in the period from November 1993 to January 1994, compared with the previous year. That was due sectors last year. largely to a 7.5 percent increase in orders from abroad.

Ifo, one of Germany's six leading economic think-tanks, said cost-cutting measures and moderate wage settlements had improved the competitiveness of West German industrial products.

The mark's weakness against the dollar and yen had also helped. Ifo expects vehicle output to rise by 5 percent this year, benefiting from foreign demand, after produc-

tion shrank by 20 percent last year. In the electronics sector, produc-In its latest economic report, the tion is expected to rise from 2 per-institute said that new orders were cent to 3 percent and in the metalworking sector by 1 percent. Output dropped by 6.5 percent and by 12 percent, respectively, in those

> Output in the chemical sector is expected to rise by 3 percent this year after a drop of 2 percent last

year. Ifo said in the report. But the textile industry is expected to experience further falls in production this year, Ifo said.

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1993 results in line with preliminary estimates A Clear Strategy, Strengthened Financial Structure, and Tight Management to Boost Profitability

At its meeting on March 23, 1994, the Board of Directors of Banque Nationale de Paris, led by its Chairman, Michel Pébereau, approved the 1993 consolidated and parent company financial statements of the BNP Group.

Results were consistent with preliminary estimates announced at the Shareholders' Meeting on December 14, 1993, and were affected by the tough economic climate in continental Europe and especially in France, BNP's main market. Increased allocations to provisions, due particularly to bankruptcies or difficulties encountered by small and medium-sized companies in France, were responsible for an appreciable decline in net income despite progress achieved by the Group in terms of both banking income and net operating income.

Net operating income up 8.5%

Banking income rose 4.9% to FRF 41,675 million. The increase-all the more remarkable as net interest income in France stagnated as a result of slackening demand for credit and narrower interest margins-was achieved largely thanks to the growth in service activities and to improved performances in capital market operations in France and worldwide. Fee income rose, accounting for 30.4% of banking income, up from 28.3% in 1992. Operating expense and depreciation rose in line with budget targets in France and abroad. Net operating income advanced 8.5% to FRF 12,457 million.

Net income attributable to BNP Group of FRF 1,018 million, down 53% from 1992 due to sizable increase in allocations to provisions

The BNP Group increased its net allocations to provisions by 43.8%. The size of the increase reflects higher allowances for specific risks in 1993, as well as a substantial recovery from the provisions for country risk in 1992. Allowances for specific risks rose 16.7% to FRF 10,632 million. The sharp increase in allocations to provisions in France, caused by growth in credit risks on loans to middlemarket companies, was partly offset by a decline in the international network. The net addition to the country risk allowance was held to FRF 176 million in 1993, in contrast to a recovery of FRF 1,590 million in 1992; this last evolution had an adverse impact on consolidated net

After nonrecurring items, earnings of affiliates carried under the equity method (which were higher than in 1992) and income taxes, net income attributable to the BNP Group amounted to FRF 1,018 million, down 53.0% from

Improved financial structure BNP considerably strengthened its financial structure in 1993 in conjunction with its privatization. The exercise of virtually all share warrants issued in 1990 and October 1993 for both common and nonvoting shares gave BNP an additional FRF 10.3 billion of capital. Moreover, BNP created a reserve for general banking risks to which it added FRF 10.8 billion to cover certain risks, particularly those arising from the expected imbalance between BNP's active and retired staff members.

The BNP Group improved its solvency ratio significantly. It stood at 9.5% at year-end 1993, compared with 8.7% at the end of 1992. The Tier 1 capital ratio reached 5.6%, up from 5.0% in 1992 (as compared with tegulatory ratios of respectively 8% and 4%).

Growth strategy based on increasing profitability

Above all, 1993 was the year of privatization. This operation, which was as much a technical as a popular success, and put BNP on an equal footing with its large international competitors. BNP's goal is to ensure its development through a recovery in its profitability. This is a realistic goal, considering the scope for business expansion afforded by BNP's capital ratios. BNP will be focusing its strategy on its two core businesses, retail banking in France and international banking for large corporate clients. To do so, the Bank will be relying on two solid allies : Union des Assurances de Paris (UAP) in France and Dresdner Bank. A policy of tight but motivating management has already been implemented to stimulate increased profitability, which stands to be further boosted by the gradual economic recovery.

Gross dividend of FRF 4.50 per share (including tax credit)

The Board of Directors will recommend that the May 26, 1994 Shareholders' Meeting approve a net dividend of FRF 3.00 per common and nonvoring share, representing a gross dividend per share of FRF 4.50, including the tax credit. Total dividend payout would be FRF 552 million, compared with FRF 530.5 million for 1992. Shareholders will be offered the choice between a cash dividend or a stock dividend, from the 1st of July, to the 25th of July 1994. Starting August 8th, 1994 the dividend will be paid in cash only, pending authorization by the Stockholders' Meeting.



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BOJ Chiefs See Signs of Spring For the Economy

Bright spots are particularly evi-dent in Osaka and neighboring cit-

ies in western Japan, where elec-

tronics giants such as Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. are based.

in central Japan in the January

March period, and this was likely

to continue through April-June, Takahiro Kawase, branch manager

for the central Nagoya region, said.

tor Corp., are increasing their ship-ments to the United States, he said.

tion is booming and increased pub-

lic-works spending is supporting

the regional economy, according to

the Sapporo branch manager, Ya-

Consumer demand for washing

machines, refrigerators, personal

computers and facsimile machines has emerged as households seek re-

placements for old units and loosen

Indeed, DKB Research Institute

separately said Monday that it had

raised its forecast for growth in

Japan's gross domestic product to 1

percent for the year to March 31, 1995, because of strong consumer

spending.
But Mr. Tamura, the Osaka

manager of the BOJ, added that he

saw "some traps" that could stymie

For example, he said, the main

engine for recent upbeat moves is

an increase in exports, which could

boost Japan's current-account sur-

their pursestrings as prices fall.

Carmakers, such as Toyota Mo-

In Hokkaido, housing construc-

Industrial production headed up

TOKYO - Bank of Japan branch managers across the country reported on Monday brightening prospects for a long-awaited

economic recovery. The managers submitted reports to a quarterly meeting of their peers that said business executives appeared to be gaining confidence. We need to watch for developments to see if the latest signs of improvement will last and have widespread effect," the central bank's governor, Yasushi Mieno,

said at the meeting. After three years of recession, "it might be time the economy nation-wide started moving off the bottom from the cyclical point of view," said the Osaka branch manager, Tatsuya Tamura

Japanese Seek New Trade Talks

The Associated Press TOKYO - Japan hopes to resume trade talks with the United States this month and begin mendaing relations, the chief government

spokesman said Monday. The spokesman, Masayoshi Takemura, said the two countries were discussing the possibility of talks between Foreign Minister Tsutomu Hata and the U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor.

Both are scheduled to be in Moocco in mid-April for a meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs plus and bring about a higher yen.

Economy is Drawing Market Focus KUALA LUMPUR - Ma-

laysia's stock market, sucked down recently by bearish overseas bourses and panic selling by retail investors, is poised for a slow recovery, brokers and analysts said Monday.

They are pinning their opti-mistic outlook on the country's strong economic fundamentals, speculation that the ruling United Malay's National Organiza-tion will call a general election in the third quarter and strong corporate results in the current re-

porting season. "At this juncture all the negative news is already in the share prices," said William Chan, an analyst with Seagroatt & Camp-bell. "We feel that the downside risk of the market is gradually

That sentiment failed to show in share prices Monday, when the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange composite index fell 31.61 points, to 928.33. The index has now lost 29 percent since setting a record high of 1,314.46 points on Jan. 5.

But the recent weakness has opened up buying opportunities for those looking at economic fundamentais, analysts said. Malaysìa's central bank has projected growth of 8.4 percent in gross domestic product in 1994, after 8.5 percent growth last year. If GDP growth this year matches that expectation, it will be Malaysia's seventh straight year of

growth exceeding 8.0 percent. "The play has turned from the situational and speculative counters to more fundamental factors," said an institutional dealer with a commercial bank.

"It isn't like 1993, when we Lai said. bought on rumors and speculation. We now want to see good strong corporate earnings before

we recommend a buy. Merrill Lynch & Co., which is forecasting a recovery led by bluechip issues, has recommended selective buying in utilities, finance, infrastructure and gaming stocks. It forecast average corporate earnings growth of 21 percent in

Malaysia Set for Rebound

"We think the upside potential may be realized relatively slowly as the euphoria of the 1993 bull run has all but died down and while many local retail players unwind their positions," said Kwok-Kin Lai of Merrill Lynch.

1994 and 15 percent in 1995.

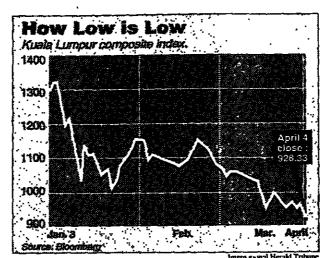
"While market wisdom is pointing to a general election to ift sentiment, we believe that the kicker would more likely emerge from announcements of privati-

zation and other projects," Mr.

But some analysts said they thought the market still needed more of a downward correction before it could rebound.

"Personally I don't think the market is cheap now," a dealer said, referring to the market's relatively high price/earnings ratios. The ratio measures the price of a stock to the latest or projected earnings per share, so the higher the number, the more speculative the investment. The market is now trading at prospective average p/e ratios of around 22 times 1994 earnings

and 20 times 1995 earnings. "One has to remember that the funds in Malaysia are not just competing with markets in Southeast Asia, but other developing markets with single digit P/Es," he said.



Indonesia To Resist Devaluation

JAKARTA — Finance Minister Mar'ie Muhammad said Monday that the government would not devalue indonesia's currency despite the recent slump in oil prices. Oil and gas account for about 30 percent of the country's export

earnings.

Mr. Muhammad said after a meeting with President Suharto that the government has been ready with a number of alternatives in case of a continued slump in the oil

"But we will not resort to drastic measures, including devaluation, in coping with financial difficulties as a result of the depressed oil market," he added.

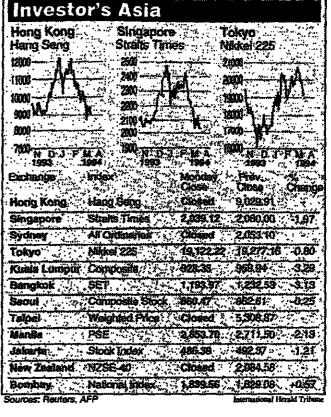
The government devalued the rupiah by 45 percent against the dol-lar following the oil price fall in 1986, when oil and gas accounted for about 75 percent of the country's export income.

Mr. Muhammad said the government may cut spending, especially routine expenditures, if necessary. but will continue its economic de velopment plans.

Mr. Muhammad said that in the fiscal year ended in March, the depressed oil market caused the country's first budget deficit in 25 years. It amounted to 1.8 billion rupiahs (\$837 million).

The deficit has been covered by taking funds from development reserves that Indonesia generated during the Gulf conflict. "We still have a development fund reserve of 1.7 trillion rupiah," he said.

The price of Indonesian oil averaged \$16.50 a barrel last year, below the projected figure of \$18 upon which the state budget was



Very briefly:

Malaysia may review its ban on reception of satellite television broadcasts in the future, and in any case, the ban will eventually become impossible to enforce, an Information Ministry official said.

 Petronas Gas San., a unit of Malaysia's national oil company, signed a \$50 million joint-venture contract with Confab Industrial SA of Brazil to build a gas pipeline, and another with Toyo Engineering Corp. of Japan for a \$25.8 million gas processing plant.

• Tata Iron & Steel Co.'s domestic India sales of metal rose 7 percent, to 1.52 million tons, in the year ended March 31, while exports earned \$241 million, up 13 percent.

Beijing has become the fifth-most-expensive housing rental market in the world, the China Business Daily said; it said average monthly rent for foreigners in Beijing was 36.5 Hong Kong dollars (\$4.75) per square foot.

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a Sociedad Anonima incorporated under the laws of Panama, that the Corporation has been dissolved as per the decision of the Shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting of January 11, 1994.

Consequently, as from January 21, 1994, those who were then Sharcholders have been issued with new shares in Fidelity Funds-Pacific Fund. The old bearer certificates are to be returned to the registrar Fidelity Investments (Luxembourg) S.A., Place de l'Étoile, BP 2174, L-1021 Luxembourg, for cancellation and exchange.



Bloomberg TV Aspires To International Reach

By Steven Brull tional Herald Tribune

TOKYO -- In a move that will intensify competition in business news broadcasting, Bloomberg LP will broaden its pupcoming 24-hour television service beyond the United States to Europe later this year and subsequently to Asia, its president and founder said Monday.

The service will offer commuous updates of general and business news, and be heavy on charts, graphs and talking heads. It will begin in limited form next month, expanding to 24 hours a day by June. But at the outset, viewers will be few.

In North America, where the Bloomberg Direct will be distributed via GM Hughes Electronics' satellite-to-home broadcasting service, the necessary antennas and receivers, which will cost hundreds of dollars, will not be sold until September. The service, however, will be available on a handful of

cable systems. Michael R. Bloomberg, president, said that in Europe, Bloomberg was in the final stage" of negotiations with three satellite operators and hopes to be on the air to a West European audience by September or October. In Asia, he said, the company hopes to secure a transponder by the end of the year.

The service, which will in-

clude three audio channels, one carrying Bloomberg's 24-hour radio service, will add pressure on other broadcasters, such as Cable News Network, Dow Jones & Co. and Reuters Holdings PLC, which are aiming television programming at business viewers internationally.

"We are not going to take American news and force it down the throats of Japan and Asia the way CNN does. Mr. Bloomberg said, adding that Asian news will emanate from studios in Tokyo. Hong Kong, Singapore and Syd-ney, with studios in London, Par-is and Frankfurt providing Euro-

Mr. Bloomberg clearly plans to run the service on a shoestring budget.

"I don't plan to invest an enormous amount of capital," he said, adding that he planned to hire only a handful of additional employees. Most of the content will be called from the Bloomberg's main service, consisting largely of text and graphic information. As much as possible computers will be used to automate video production.

Korean Air Wants a China Card to Play

SEOUL - Burgeoning ties be-tween China and South Korea are expected to fill a void in Korean Air Lines' aviation map and pro-

vide a bonus to its finances, accord-

ing to the carrier's president, Cho

Yang Ho. "It is vital for us to have the right to fly to and beyond Beijing to become competitive," Mr. Cho said

in a recent interview. "European and U.S. carriers already have rights to fly beyond Beijing for their operations in Northeast Asia," he said. "So it is very important for KAL to have Seoul-Beijing-Europe routes and Beijing-Seoul-U.S. routes."

"This will directly affect our international competitiveness and our company's future bottom line," he added.

South Korea and China have agreed in principle to sign an aviation pact soon to launch regular air services but differences on terms prevented them from concluding it during President Kim Young Sam's visit to Beijing last week.

"I understand the two countries are negotiating with an aim to conclude the agreement within this year," said Mr. Cho, who accompanied Mr. Kim to China.

Mr. Cho said the Beijing routes were linked to a South Korean plan to make the country an aviation hub by the year 2000, when a new airport

for Seoul, near the port city of Inchon, is to become operational. The airport at Yongjong island about two hours drive from Seoul, is slated to be expanded in phases and cost 2.3 trillion won (\$2.8 billion) by 2020. Plans call for four

runways at the airport, capable of handling 240,000 flights a year. "With the new airport open 24 hours a day and capable of accom-modating superjumbo jets, it would be in a good position to emerge as a

northeast Asian hub," Mr. Cho said. "Tokyo is saturated already. Beijing is still far away and Osaka' he added.

The Korean Air Lines president said the possibility of developing superjumbo aircraft, which would carry between 500 and 800 passengers, would downgrade smaller, crowded airports in the region to "feeder" airports.

Mr. Cho said closer China-South



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Korea ties would bring other busi-nesses for Korean Air Lines, which would be the South Korean partners in the project. now makes parts and components "It is necessary to involve an established aircraft manufactures

for Boeing Co., Northrop Corp. and McDonnell Douglas Corp. During Mr. Kim's visit to China last week, China and South Korea agreed to develop a 100-seat commercial aircraft by the turn of the century with technological help from a third country.

Mr. Cho said Korean Air, the glomerates, Samsung and Daewoo. craft."

to make the project commercially viable," he said. "You may be able to develop the mid-sized aircraft but it is impossible to market the plane without the help of a major industry player."

The trade ministry has said South Korea plans to invest \$900 million to Seoul government and two con- \$1 billion to build a 100-seater air-

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DIVIDEND NOTICE

At the Annual General Meeting held on March 29, 1994, it was decided to pay a dividend of USD 0,47 (fourty seven cents) per share on for after April 08, 1994 to shareholders of record on March 29, 1994 and to holders

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of bearer shares upon presentation of coupon nr 25. The ex-dividend date is March 30, 1994.

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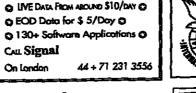
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CONSTRUCTION OF THE POWERHOUSE, CONCRETE DAMS: AND SPILLWAY AND INSTALLATION OF AUXILIARY ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

NOTICE OF BIDS PREQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

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The purpose of this prequalification is to invite companies specialized in the construction of hydroelectric projets, from any member country of the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), to present the documentation required to prequalify in the bidding process for construction of the works under Contract No. 103-31 of the Carnachi Project. These works basically include the Powerhouse. Concrete Dans, and Spillway constructed on foundations excavated by others, and the Installation of Auxiliary Electrical and Mechanical Equipment.

The Powerhouse will have a length of 360 meters and will comprise six monolink that will house 12 generating units. The Powerhouse will also include its.

The Powerhouse will have a length of 300 meters and will comprise six monoliths that will house 12 generating units. The Powerhouse will also include its corresponding service bays plus one 60-meter erection hay. The Main Dam will include the Intake structures, integrated with the Fowerhouse, comprising six 60-meter wide monoliths. The Spillway will be the overflow type and have a length of 176 meters and nine radial gates. The Installation of Auxiliary Electrical and Mechanical Equipment will include the following: Trashracks, Bulkheads, and Gates for the Spillway and Intakes: Air Conditioning System, Isolated Phase Busses; Generator Switchgear; Distribution Transformers and Control Boards; as well as the embedded parts for the Hydraulic Turbries.

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The other portions of the works, such as the supply and installation of principal generating equipment and the supply of electrical and mechanical equipment, will be accomplished throught a separate bidding process.

The works will be financed by EDELCA with its own funds and from IDB Loan No. 788/OC-VE. The contracting of these works and the acquisition of goods under the IDB Loan is subject to the conditions in the loan agreement.

4. LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

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The works to be executed under Contract 103-31 will essentially comprise the installation of the Powerhouse, Concrete Dams, and Spillway and the Installation of Auxiliary Electrical and Mechanical Equipment.

The estimated contraction and mechanical Equipment. The estimated construction quantities for the principal structures are as follows: FORMWORK REINFORCING CONCRETE

	(m2) (metric tons)		(m3)	
Integrated Powerhouse	517,600	105,000	1.243,800	
Dams	43,000	4,030	355,000	
Control Building	27,170	810	6,750	
Spilleray	89,000	18,700	254,150	
Total	676,770	128,540	1.859,700	
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The Spillway will have nine radial gates each 15-24 meters wide by 21.66 meter high.
Each intake monolith will contain two intakes with three gates each

approximately 5.8 meters wide by 16.5 meters high. DELIVERY OF PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS Companies interested in participating in the Prequalification Process must obtain the Prequalification Document. This Document is available in the offices of EDELCA's Direction de Estudios e Ingenieria, located on the 10th floor, Torre Las Mercedes, Avenida La Estancia, Chuao, Caracas, Venezuela (FAX No. 02-908-1696). The Document is being delivered since March 10, 1994, upon receipt of a Cashiers Check of Bs. 25,000. in the name of CVG-Electrification del Caroni, C.A.

7. PROCEDURES FOR PREQUALIFICATION

A SCHEDULE FOR PREQUALIFICATION

The prequalification of bidders will be determined on the basis of legal, technical, operational, and financial capacity information requested in the Prequalification Documents and in accordance with established procedures. EDELCA has formed a Committee to analyze and evaluate the documentation that will be presented by the prospective hilders. The Committee must prepare a technical report on the companies presenting qualifications, explaining which have and have not been preparalified along with the appropriate reasons. This report will

EDELCA will advise in writing those companies that are prequalified to present thids. Likewise EDELCA will inform the companies that are not prequalified. EDELCA will publish a notice in the newspaper of the list of companies

 The reception and opening of the Qualifications of prospective bidders will take place at 9:00 a.m. on May 11, 1994 in EDELCA's office building, in Alta Vista, Pueno Orras, Bolivar State. The Probable intriction of the Process for the Preparation of Bids September 1994. Approximate start of construction: July 1995

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growing number of foreign students testifies to the region's ability to provide international education in some of Europe's most prestigious academic institu-

In the last year alone. Sweden has seen the number of foreign students arriving through the European ERASMUS program dou-ble, from 1,000 to well over

With English-language programs in subjects ranging from Arctic studies to electrical engineering. courses have been developed that attract both exchange and full-time students.

At the forefront of such internationalization is the Stockholm School of Economics. Starting in January next year, foreign students who have gained a BA or BS from other countries will be able to enroll to complete an MS at the school.

In other fields, however, the SSE has already established itself as a leader in Europe. The European Institute of Japanese Studies (EIJS) was established in 1992 and is committed to research and education in the Japanese and East Asian economic and business environments. With the backing of the Swedish govern-ment, major Swedish business corporations and some 150 Japanese corporations and individuals. EIJS offers excellent resources.

"The goal of our institute is to offer current and future European and Japanese policymakers and corporate leaders the means to learn more from and about each other," says Professor Jean-Pierre Lehmann, director of

the Community of European Management Schools (CEMS), an organization comprising 12 selected academic institutions across Europe. In Norway, the institution participating in the CEMS exchange program is

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candinavia's the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration in Bergen. Being selected to take part in the scheme is in itself a mark of the school's high standards, says John Anderson. director of the school's international office.

CEMS exchange students will be involved in the school's MIB program. which is taught in English. The MIB course at present has 30 students, is three semesters long and covers the major aspects of international business, as well as some

Arctic studies and Finnish mythology are some offerings

areas - such as shipping economics - with particular relevance to Norway.

Indeed, in many aspects of management and business teaching, Scandinavia has something special to con-tribute. The Norwegian School of Management, BL offers both MBA and MS programs in English. The MBA is a one-year, fulltime course, while the MS lasts two years and allows students to specialize in energy management, finance and economics, international marketing and the strategy or European management.

The MBA tries to focus on Scandinavian leadership techniques, the reliance on teamwork and the use of flat organizational structures. things which can still be a little unusual for people from other countries," says Oyvind Bohren, dean of Bi's graduate program.

These techniques, although well-established in Scandinavia, had not been previously taught in English. This was a big barrier in pre-The SSE is also a member venting the ideas from getting across, he add

> With Finland, Sweden and Norway having applied to join Denmark in the European Union, future studentexchange programs orga-nized by the Union should be facilitated. These countries' plans to enter the EU have also been reflected by a growing number of courses on European matters.

Starting in September, Lund University will offer a new one-year masters program in European affairs. The program's goal is to provide an advanced knowledge of the legal, economic and political aspects of European affairs.

Other new masters programs at Lund include one in public international law. The course, which runs for two semesters, aims to give a sound knowledge of public international law in general and of human rights and humanitarian law in particular. The university's Department of Sociology also has a new masters program called "Rural Development: Society. Population and Environ-

Lund University, situated in the center of the picturesque old city of the same name, is the largest single establishment for research and higher education in Scandinavia.

On a smaller scale, Vaxjo University in central Sweden has a student population of around 6,000. Even here. an active exchange policy is pursued, involving more than 250 overseas students every year.

The university offers nine English-language programs. ranging from an MBA run in cooperation with the University of Hertfordshire in England to a doctoral course in entrepreneurship.

"It's not too big. With around 6,000 students, you can get to know people. even those that aren't in your course," says Vaxjo University's Jerker Persson.

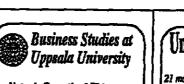
This year marks a significant change in Sweden's educational system with the privatization of two institutions of higher education, Chalmers Institute of Technology and Jonkoping University.

The actual transfer of the Jonkoping University to the private sector will take place in July. This will also herald an expansion in the economics and business-administration department, which will become known as the Jonkoping International Business School. Student numbers will increase from 600 to 1,600, with the faculty being upgraded to allow the granting of PhDs.

Jonkoping's director, Charlie Karlsson, says privatization will give the institution more freedom to provide the kind of courses students are demanding.

In Finland, the Center for International Mobility (CIMO) is the central body that coordinates international studies and provides concise information on 140 English-language programs at the nation's universities and colleges. Some of these courses are

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CIMO's communications manager. Merja Lankinen. One is the program in Arctic studies offered by the Arctic Center, itself part of the University of Lapland in the north of the country. Among the newest pro-

grams available is bioenergy studies at the University of Joensuu in eastern Finland. The new international program is designed to carry out in-depth analysis of the use of biofuels as a future source of energy to replace nuclear and fossil fuels.

The country has taken internationalization to heart, as

Ms. Lankinen explains: Even the polytechnics in Finland give international programs, for example in hotel, restaurant and tourism management"

The country's largest academic institution, however, remains Helsinki University. With 30,000 students, more than 1.000 of them from abroad, it is one of the largest universities in the Nordic countries.

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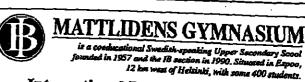
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large university, this was a

common situation - one that

English-language tuition and

the IB program have been

In Norway, the Skagerrak

Gymnasium offers the IB

course as well as Norwegian

qualifications. Headmistress

Elizabeth Norr explains that

even for Norwegians going

on to further education in

Norway, being taught in English is a real advantage.

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ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION IS REGION'S MAJOR DRAWING CARD

or 99 percent of tional companies, the corporate language is English," says Holger Formgren, of IHM Management Center.

In other cultures, this might be considered a drawback, or even a threat. Yet for Scandinavians, the use of English is deep-rooted, and the region provides some of the best English-language study programs available.

For Mr. Formgren, this means teaching Scandinavian business techniques to foreign managers of Swedish companies or to those who have regular dealings with Scandinavian companies and want better insight into how they oper-

first time in Stockholm,

IHM will be offering mar-

keting programs for senior

marketing managers in Eng-

According to Mr. Form-

gren, world business is be-

coming increasingly aware

of the strengths of Scandina-

vian management methods.

"If you look at many of the

Japanese companies today.

they have problems," he says. "Now. it is Japanese

managers who come here to

learn the Scandinavian style

Business is not the only

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The ease with which foreign students can communicate with their colleagues and hosts also helps prevent them from becoming isolated. Whether it is a question of dealing with academia, handling a transaction in the local bank or simply asking for directions, English is the only language they need to

Bjorn Axelsson, associate professor in business administration at Uppsala University, says that these factors

surroundings but have no extra time for language studies. Although Scandinavia is better known for its snow than for its sun, courses held in the summer months allow students to study while enjoying some of Europe's most spectacular and unspoiled countryside.

Among the most interesting programs being offered this year are those by the University of Gothenburg on Sweden's west coast. Short courses and workshops in various fields have been running for the past three years, with a set of art courses being added this year.

According to Gunnar Sjostrom, dean of the faculty of fine and applied arts, Gothenburg University has a higher amount and variation of education in the fine and applied arts than any

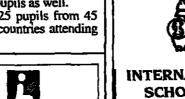
other university in Northern

Europe." This year's courses include a composition program to be taught by composers from Scandinavia and Britain, an International Organ Academy and one entitled "The Healthy Voice," headed by an American professor, Oren Brown.

In the visual arts, the School of Photography is running a workshop with the renowned American freelance photographer Mary Ellen Mark, while the School of Design and Crafts offers an experimental workshop in wood.

In Scandinavia, Englishlanguage education can start much earlier than university studies. The growing use of the International Baccalaureate, or the IB, in schools throughout the region al-

its 350 students are now in international high-school education. The IB qualifies schools offer different approaches. The British candidates for admission to universities and colleges School of Stockholm mainly follows the British national worldwide. Leif Berntsson, director of The value of Scandinavian business techniques is being in-Copenhagen International creasingly recognized, and they are now being taught in Eng-School, is also chairman of the Heads Standing Conferate. This summer, for the influence the choices made ence of IB. an organization agogical principles of the that now includes 520 schools in 71 different counby exchange students. For him, the social life at Upptries. It is his opinion that insala University is one of the ternational curricula will main advantages for foreign soon be established for "One of our strongest younger pupils as well. points is the system of stu-



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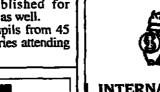
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tional companies as well as a history have put universities and colleges in a unique position to offer a gateway to studies and trade in Russia and the Baltic republics.

In fact, many of these links were established long before the collapse of the Communist regimes in Eastem Europe, although the opening of borders and minds has allowed the flow of ideas and students to mul-

These links have proved so successful that the Stockholm School of Economics is setting up a sister institu-tion in the Latvian capital of Riga. The scheme has been financed by the Latvian and Swedish governments and by a grant from the Soros Foundation. It will start taking students in July this

"Eventually, we will send our exchange students there wish," says the president of SSE, Professor Staffan Burenstam Linder.

Sweden is not alone in more planned for Latvia.

eography and taking an interest in the expanding markets to the east. In Denmark, the Niels Brock Copenhagen Business College has established courses to attract students from the Baltic states as well from St. Petersburg, Poland, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

"We became involved following a request from the Danish Chamber of Commerce in 1990," says Birde Berg, head of Niels Brock's international section. The expertise gathered since then has enabled the college to set up a business college in the Estonian capital of Tallin, with more than 100 students.

Now a new college is being set up in Riga. Students who have reached the ninth grade will be able to pursue their studies here for an International Business Bac-

Mrs. Berg says the aim in both cases is also to train teachers so that the availfor a week or so if they ability of such courses increases. It is hoped that three other centers will be established in Estonia, with five

In Finland, many institutions have had long-term links with the east. Lappeenranta University of Technology is for the second year offering a summer program in international business. "It was a big success last summer," explains Helena Salo, director of the university's international office. "Students found it especially

study tours to Russia and the Baltic states." Farther north, the University of Joensuu also provides excellent programs on Eastern Europe. According to Joensuu's international department, one of the univer-

useful in the field of East-

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Baltic Area and Eastern Eu-Situated in Finnish Kare-

lia near the Russian border, Joensuu has experienced the region's complex history. The one-year interdisciplinary study program includes courses in geography, history and Finno-Baltic languages as well as an international student-exchange program with Petrozavodsk State University in neighboring Russian Karelia.

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Lakers Close In On the Nuggets

The Los Angeles Lakers were 61/2

games behind the Denver Nuggets before Magic Johnson coached his first game on March 27.

Just eight days later, the Lakers are 3½ behind in the race for the last Western Conference playoff spot, although the Nuggets' coach. Dan Issel, insists he isn't feeling the

"I have said this before. I am not worried about the Lakers. I am worried about the Denver Nuggets. Period," Issel said after a 108-98 ioss in Phoenix on Sunday night. As the Suns were beating the Nuggets, Johnson was coaching the

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

Lakers to their season-high sixth straight victory at home, a 102-89 defeat of the Atlanta Hawks. Los Angeles is now 4-1 under Johnson. while Denver is 0-3 since his debut.

"I told them we're gonna be there," Johnson said of the playoff race. "They are starting to believe that if they play defense, they can get easy transition points. It's nice to see that they are believing now."

Elden Campbel! had 17 points and 10 rehounds for the Lakers before his left eye was injured in the third quarter. He left the game midway through the period and was taken to a hospital for tests after experiencing double vision.

But the Lakers still won by holding the Hawks to 38 percent shooting. During Johnson's five games, they have allowed an average of 90.6 points, compared with their Drexler's two free throws. defensive average of 104.3 before

"From Day I, we started off with two problems: playing defense in free throw to push the lead to three our half-court and our transition points.

have corrected both of them. Teams are averaging about 91, 92 points on us, and that's where we want to be."

Coach Lenny Wilkens, whose Hawks had beaten the Lakers by 103-94 on Nov. 23, said he saw a different team this time.

"They're playing with a whole lot more energy and a lot more intensity on defense, and that makes a world of difference," Wilkens said. Duane Ferrell scored 24 points

and Stacy Augmon 20 for the Hawks. But Adanta played without Danny Manning during its threegame West Coast trip because of an infection on his right elbow.

Suns 108, Nuggets 88: Kevin Johnson scored a season-high 42 points and had 17 assists as Phoenix won despite a nine-point third

The Suns, who have beaten the Nuggets 11 consecutive times in Phoenix, extended their winning streak to five games despite the third-quarter drought that wiped out a 12-point halftime lead.

Johnson made 14 of 25 field-goal attempts and 14 of 16 free throws. Trail Blazers 109, Nets 105: Portland clinched its 11th straight playoff berth, winning at New Jersey as Clyde Drexler made five free throws in the final 26 seconds and scored 25 of his 34 points in the

The Trail Blazers trailed by 10 at halftime, but they scored 67 points in the second half, taking the lead for good with 26 seconds to go on

He then deflected the inbounds pass, stole the ball and was fouled with 23 seconds left. He made one



George Lynch swatted the ball away from Adam Keefe as the Lakers, once again tough on defease, defeated the visiting Hawks, 102-89.

Bulls 96, Pistons 93: Scottle Pip-pen had 26 points, nine rebounds and nine assists as visiting Chicago completed a five-game season series sweep of Detroit.

Rockets 106, Clippers 98: Ha-keem Olajuwon got 39 points, 11 rebounds and 6 blocked shots as Houston swept Los Angeles for a

second consecutive season. Dominique Wilkins had 36 points and 11 rebounds for the Clippers in his 900th NBA game.

Celties 135, 76ers 112: Boston handed Philadelphia its 10th straight defeat, a franchise record 11th consecutive loss at home and its 25th loss in 26 games overall as Sherman Douglas scored a season high 27 points and passed for a

Dino Radja added 25 points for the Celtics, who posted their highest point total of the season. Their previous high was 129 against Sacramento on Dec. 8.



Magic Johnson: "They are starting to believe."

North Carolina Women Win Title. With the Shot of Shots

New York Times Service

RICHMOND, Virginia — If those watching the championship game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association women's basketball tournament on national television could hardly believe what they saw, neither could those who watched it in the Richmond Coliseum. Charlotte Smith's 20-foot shot — a 3-pointer off an inbounds play beginning with seven-tenths of a second left — gave North Carolina an improbable 60-59 vio-

tory over Louisiana Tech. Smith, a 6-foot junior, had kept North Carolina in the game with 23 rebounds, a tournament record. But a 3-point shooter she is not, having made only 8 of 19 all

season before the one that won Sunday night's game.
With Tech ahead, 59-57, Tonya Sampson's off-balance for Carolina did not come close. There was a scramble for the ball. Carolina got it and was able to call timeout with seven-tenths of a second left.

Carolina tried to put the ball in play, then called another timeout. The second time, the ball went to Smith on the far side. Up went the ball and, as the commercial goes, it caught nothing but net.

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NBA Draft's No. 1? Duke's Versatile Hill

Washington Post Service

C HARLOTTE, North Carolina — You can have Glenn Robinson.

C You can have Jason Kidd. You can take anybody you want from college basketball, as long as I can take Grant Hill, the very best college player in the country. Every game he has played in the NCAA tournament has been some-

thing special, with the kind of talent, resourcefulness, intelligence and presence that should make him the No. 1 pick in the National Baskethall Association's draft.

Robinson can score 50 points. Kidd makes us think of Magic Johnson: But they were at home watching when the championship game was played late Monday night. The supporting players on Purdue and Cal are about the same as the supporting cast at Duke, but Grant Hill had made Duke go. All he does is beat you a hundred different ways.

He beat Robinson himself, and Purdue, with defense. One-on-one, Blue Devil on Big Dog. He beat Florida in the semifinals by stopping one of the best 3-point shooters in the country at one end, then scoring of orchestrating almost every point at the other. He's the best defensive player in the country, and the most versatile offensive player.

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Duke had never won a national title Point before Hill arrived from South Lakes High in Reston, in the Virginia suburbs of Washington. Now, with good but not great running mates, Hill had the Blue Devils back within 40 minutes of a third NCAA title in four years. Three titles in an era of parity That's the kind of stuff associated with Lew Alcindor and Bill Walton

This is how good Grant Hill is. And shame on us for taking so long to notice. Ask college basketball coaches to compare their own players over time and they balk; they say they don't want to rank them or get into making comparisons. But Mike Krzyzewski, asked about Hill, replied: "Grant Hill is the best player I've ever coached, period."

There is no deficiency in Hill's game. He handles the ball better than Robinson, shoots it nearly as well, rebounds far above average for a playmaker, passes it better than Robinson and plays better defense. In the NBA, Hill, at 6 feet 7, (2 meters) can play either guard spot or as small than the state of the state forward. Robinson will be a great pro forward, but only a forward. Kidde passes better than Hill, but that's it. A great passer can change the game with that skill alone, but Kidd's defense, shooting, and tenacity don't come close, at this point, to Grant Hill's. Connecticut's Donyell Marshall was passed by Hill on all scorecards about three games ago.

Some NBA personnel people may have to rethink their draft selections. The shots and passes Hill made, the defensive stops and the rebounds he grabbed against Florida were almost absurd. "He hit big-time 3s when they had to have them," said Florida's coach, Lon Kruger. "He's so quick, he could fall behind a step, but he makes it up so fast. He did an incredible job on Craig Brown, who's great without the ball."

At some point, you want to see what a player does when he's dead tired, when his teammates are playing horribly, when he's down a dozen points in a championship situation. It's a test Hill passed calmly against Florida. Even Calvin Hill, his father and a man who knows a little something about performances in championship situations, was amazed.

"The thing is, he really gave up a lot of his game this year," Calvin Hill said. "Early on, I told him, 'Grant, you've got to shoot more. This is an inexperienced team, you've got to average 21, 22 points a game.' He told me, "Dad, we've got young guys who need to be integrated. I can score 22 points, but we might not win.'

"I was a skeptic, but he was right. Playing the point has helped him understand other players. When he had to sub for Bobby Hurley," who was injured, two years ago, "he saw how difficult it is to play the position, how you had to be concerned about so many things, egos being dealt with."

I T'S OBVIOUSLY HELPED Hill flourish. When the Duke coaching staff made up a game plan for this year's team, the primary question was, "Who's guarding Grant?" If it's a guard, Hill's going to post up. If it's a bigger player, likely slower, Hill's going outside.

Grant Hill is a walking mismatch, always in his team's favor. Robinson and Kidd can take over a game offensively, but neither can guard the opponent's best player, and at three positions, no less.

"Whether it's ballhandling, defense, shooting, or presence," Krzy-zewski said, "he does everything at the highest level."

The more he matures, the more Hill reminds NBA scouts of Scottie Pippen. Against Florida, Hill scored a game-high 25 points, made 8-of-13 shots — he was the only Blue Devil over 50 percent — grabbed six rebounds and handed out five assists. Oh, he played all 40 minutes.

Afterward, I asked an NBA scout if it was crazy to suggest that Hill should be the No. I pick ahead of Robinson, ahead of Kidd. "That's what quite a few of us are talking about now," the scout said. "It still probably depends on the team."

But for one more night, Duke would be dependent on Hill. As a team, the Razorbacks would be too big, too quick, too deep, and Nolan Richardson is too good a coach for his team to have lapses. In a seven-game series, Duke could probably win once.

But in a one-game championship showdown, you need to hit the note only once, not sustain it. And the longer this tournament went on, the more Grant Hill reminded people of 1988. That year a kid named Danny Manning took over the NCAA tournament. He became a No. 1 pick is the NBA draft, versatile and complete as a player.

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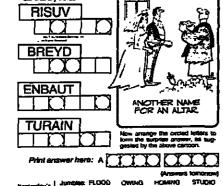
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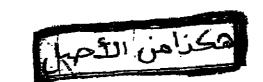












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A Day Early And Far Short In Cincinnati

By Claire Smith New York Times Service

CINCINNATI — The St. Louis Cardinals called it a season opener. The Cincinnati Reds didn't want to. And after a long night of pratfalls, both teams probably wished they could have called the 1994 major league opener a dress rehearsal.

Those feelings aside, what unfolded in frigid weather on Sunday night does count. And the Cardinals, by virtue of a 6-4 victory, awoke up Monday as the first team atop the newly created National League Central Division. Conversely, the Reds, thought by many to be the team to beat in the Central, found themselves in last place.

The sluggish game, played in the damp that

resulted from earlier rains and snowflakes, was rife with errors. Four were charged to fielders before the completion of the fifth inning, three committed by the Reds. And runs were built not only on those errors, but on walks, wild pitches, passed balls and lax fundamentals like throws to the wrong base.

Neither Joe Torre, manager of the Cardinals, nor his opposite, Davey Johnson, could pass it all off as two teams just working on things. It counted, too much for Johnson, apparently. He became the first manager ejected this season. That happened in the fifth inning, when Johnson, believing Tony Fernandez was hit by a pitch, unsuccessfully argued the point with Terry Tata, the plate umpire.

Fittingly, the winning runs were driven in by a pitcher, when the Cardinals' starter, Bob Tewksbury, tripped up his counterpart, Jose Rijo, with a two-out, two-run double in the fourth. Tewksbury, a .203 hitter last season, had wanted to avoid the plate for fear of striking out for the 100th time in his career as a national television audience watched.

Instead, he catapulted himself into a tie for the league lead in runs batted in with teammate Ray Lankford, who opened the first inning with a home run and singled in another run in



Mr. Clinton throwing the ball to open the American League season Monday in Cincinnati.

The game proved to be in keeping with the general ambiance of the day. For the Reds, reluctant to be host for the first-ever majorleague Sunday night opener, gave a national television audience an overall welcome that

The traditional game will be tomorrow, with all the pomp, all the kids. I'm very much a traditionalist. This is not tradition. Alas, it wasn't a lesson in promotion, either.

to her displeasure over having to open on Sunday night instead of Monday afternoon, the Cincinnati fans got the message. The town that usually fills 52,952-seat Riverfront Stadium to the brim for the season opener turned out just 32,803 people, the smallest crowd for a season opener in Riverfront Stadium.

besides an old-fashioned baseball game, was, well nothing. No introductions of the team's rosters, an opening-day tradition. No banners. No red, white and blue bunting. Nothing.

If baseball was concerned or angered over the Reds' lack of enthusiasm for Sunday

that baseball schedulers had wanted to be sure to let the Reds - an original National League team - play its traditional role as host to the eason's first game. But he also said he understood the Reds' concerns about having their traditional opening pre-game festivities, which always occur on a Monday, usurped because baseball wanted to accommodate ESPN.

"We don't want to diminish what this club usually plans with its traditional opener," he

Alomar's Single Saves Cleveland From Being No-Hit in New Park

The Associated Press Sandy Alomar Jr. of the Cleveland Indians singled to right field with no outs in the eighth inning in Cleveland on Monday, denying Randy Johnson of Seattle an open-

ing-day no-hitter in the first game

in the Indians' new stadium. The hit started a rally for the Indians, who went on to win, 4-3, in

11 innings.
President Bill Clinton, celebrating a sports fantasy day, helped dedicate the new park on the first day of the 1994 American League season before leaving for North Carolina to root for his beloved Arkansas Razorbacks in the NCAA basketball championship.

Seattle's third baseman, Edgar Martinez, left the game in the first inning after being hit by a pitch on the right forearm

Martinez, the 1992 American League batting champion, was hit by a pitch from Dennis Martinez. He stayed in the game long enough to score on Eric Anthony's sacrifice fly but was replaced at third base Mike Blowers in the bottom of

Edgar Martinez missed all but 42 inred left hamstring muscle, after winning the batting title with a .343 average the previous season.

Karl Rhodes of the Cubs hit solo
Monday.

Rookie Carlos Delgado and Ed home runs in his first three at-bats in the game against the Mets' Sprague added consecutive home game on Sunday night in Cincin-Dwight Gooden. He joined George runs for Toronto in the eighth in-nati, the St. Louis Cardinals defeat-Dwight Gooden. He joined George Bell as the only player to hit three home runs on opening day; Bell did it for Toronto at Kansas City on April 4, 1988.

Red Sox 9, Tigers 8: Thanks to some new speed. Boston got off to a fast start at home. Otis Nixon raced home on Mickey Tettleton's passed ball, capping a three-run eighth in-ning that gave the Red Sox a 9-8

victory over the Detroit Tigers.
Roger Clemens, coming off the
worst of his 10 seasons, broke Cy
Young's Red Sox record with his seventh opening-day start, but was hammered for eight runs in four Boston stole just 73 bases last

season and signed Nixon to a \$7 Andre Dawson, 24th on the career home run list, hit his 413th to

give Boston a 1-0 lead in the sec-

mes last year because of an in- berto Alomar and the rest of the Toronto team got to celebrate again in front of Jack McDowell and the Chicago White Sox. Hours In Chicago, meanwhile, Hillary after the Blue Jays received another Rodham Clinton tossed out the set of World Series championship rings, Alomar hit a three-run

runs for Toronto in the eighth inning as Juan Guzman and the two- ed the Reds, 6-4. time champions won before a sell-out crowd of 50,484 in Toronto. Guzman allowed two runs on

seven hits in seven innings. He struck out four and walked three. McDowell was tagged for four runs on eight hits in seven innings. He struck out live and walked two. Ron Karkovice hit a solo home

run in the ninth for the White Sox off Greg Cadaret. Yankees 5, Rangers 3: Jimmy Key kept his perfect opening-day

record intact Monday, pitching New York to a 5-3 home victory Key, 5-0 in openers, allowed five

hits in seven innings before doubles by David Hulse and Will Clark chased him in the eighth. Bob Wickman relieved, and Xavier Hernandez got three outs for the save.

Wade Boggs had four straight singles for the Yankees, and Danny Tartabull and Mike Stanley homered. Joe DiMaggio opened the season for the Yankees with a ceremonial first pitch.

Key became the first Yankees pitcher to win consecutive openingday starts since Mel Stottlemyre won three straight in 1967-69. The

season opener against the New York Mets.

homer that led them past the White crowd of 56,706 was the largest Sox and their Cy Young winner on opening day crowd in Yankee Sta-

In the National League's first

Earlier, Maryann Hudson of the Los Angeles Times reported:

Darryl Strawberry, missing for nearly 24 hours, was found in apparently good health late Sunday, but his career with the Los Angeles Dodgers appeared to be over.

In a sudden turn to what the Dodgers had hoped would be a promising season for the troubled outfielder, Strawberry failed to show up for Sunday's game against the California Angels at Anaheim Stadium. Attempts to find him proved futile until about 8 P.M., when Strawberry spoke to the team's executive vice president, Fred Claire, Afterward, Claire issued a terse statement, calling

Strawberry's action inexcusable. "I have spoken to Darryl and he is with his family." Claire said. "I am not satisfied with the explanation he has given me for his failure to report for the game today. I intend to meet with Darryl to review the matter in detail and to determine what the appropriate disciplinary action will be. This type of behavior is extremely detrimental to the ballclub and will not be tolerated."

The Dodgers owe Strawberry \$8 million for two years, including this season, but his contract could be voided if he breached a standard good-behavior clause. The reason for his absence was not disclosed.

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Soccer Chiefs Gather in Zurich

ZURICH — The top soccer officials of five continents arrived Monday for a crucial sum- last week he would fight to remain president. mit with FIFA's president, João Havelange. Havelange, the 77-year-old Brazilian who has been president of the sport's world body since 1974, is seeking a final four-year term in the election at the FIFA Congress in

Chicago on the eve of the World Cup finals. But speculation has been rife that the European governing body, UEFA, wary of 24 teams from 16 to accommodate more losing its strong power base and World Cup African, Asian and CONCACAF finalists. places to the emerging soccer continents, might name a rival candidate.

The presidents of UEFA and the South the 2002 finals. But he ruled out a fourth American, African, Asian and CONCA- place for Africa until at least 2006. CAF (Central and North American and day with Havelat

CONCACAF and the African confederation have hinted they will back Havelange, but there has been no inkling of how his fellow South Americans or the Asians stand. Sweden, is also rumored to have to be seek-Havelenge, under attack since he barred ing the FIFA job. The deadline for nominating from the World Cup draw in Las Vegas ing candidate is April 16.

in December over a row between the former star and the Brazilian confederation, vowed

The competition has begun," he said. "I've got a taste for battle and I never give in." He took over from Sir Stanley Rous of Britain in 1974 with the promise of greater

involvement for the emerging nations.

Under his presidency, the 1982 World
Cup tournament in Spain was increased to Havelange last month guaranteed Asia and CONCACAF an extra place, a third, at

It has been widely speculated that FIFA's Caribbean) confederations will meet Tuesinfluential general secretary, Sepp Blatter of though he has said he will back Havelange as long as the Brazilian is running.

UEFA's president, Lennart Johansson of

"This is really a weird game," Marge Schott, the managing general partner of the Reds, groused a couple of hours before it began.

With Schott constantly referring all last week

What those who did show were treated to,

night's game, the league's highest-ranking offi-cial did not reflect it. Leonard S. Coleman, Jr., the newly elected president of the National League, explained



Davey Johnson became the first manager ejected this season as he lost an argument and his team the game.

SIDELINES

Son Of War Triumphs **In Irish Grand National**

DUBLIN (AP) — Son Of War, ridden by Frankie Woods, surged past Nuaffe one fence from home Monday to win the Irish Grand National steeplechase.

Nuaffe, which once led by 10 lengths on the heavy track, was passed by Son Of War in the last 200 meters. Ebony Jane, last year's winner, was third while the heavily backed High Peak was pulled up.

Masters, British Open To Be Telecast by ESPN

PARIS (IHT) - The Masters golf tournament this week and the British Open in July will be telecast live by ESPN International, the 24hour satellite sports network said. The British Open will be telecast in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America, but the rights to the Masters could be obtained only for Latin America and Africa, and will be telecast only in Arabic in Moslem countries of Africa.

For the Record

Yamaha held a five-mile lead over Tokio in the fifth leg of the Whitbread 'Round-the-World Race, with New Zealand Endeavour, Intrum Justitia, Merit Cup and La Poste a mile astern.

Russian soccer players were given five days to accept Pavel Sadyrin as coach or be taken off the World (Reuters)

· Yuri Khanyler of Buffalo, with 18 points in the last 16 games, has a broken leg and will likely miss the rest of the regular season but not (AP)the NHL playoffs.

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Crenshaw Heads for Masters With Victory in New Orleans

Monday with confidence and mo- iron second shot into the water and mentum after having won the New Orleans Classic by beating two That enabled Torra players he will compete against at

Augusta National. Crenshaw shot his third straight 4-under-par 68 to defeat José Maria Olazabal of Spain by three strokes on Sunday. Sam Torrance of Britain, who began the round tied with Crenshaw, chased him all day and even caught him once again, finished third, five strokes back after bogeying No. 17 and double begains No. 19

double-bogeying No. 18. feet on the Crenshaw, whose 15-under-par the 16th. 273 shaved one stroke off 72-hole record at English Turn Golf Club, won his 18th title and was in a perfect frame of mind for the year's first major tournament, which be-

gins Thursday. "I'm excited about the Masters I can't wait to get there," said the 42- holing a bunker shot at the 18thyear-old Texan, who won at Augusta National in 1984.

having fallen apart down the stretch, carded 73. stretch, carded 13.
"I really thought I had it going there for a while, but I guess I just didn't play well enough," said Torrance, who also 42. "I'm looking forward to next week. My game is

obviously solid." Crenshaw tried to leave Tor-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches rance in the dust early with birdies NEW ORLEANS - Former on the first, second and fifth holes. Masters champion Ben Crenshaw He made the turn with a two-stroke headed for his favorite tournament edge, but on the 10th hole hit his 3-

That enabled Torrance to again tie for the lead. The tie lasted only three holes, however, as Crenshaw jumped into a three-stroke advantage with birdies on 13 and 14 while Torrance bogeyed the 14th hole.

Torrance out-played Crenshaw from tee to green on the back nine, but Crenshaw won with his putting. He sank birdie putts of 10, 12 and 25 feet, and saved par with two substantial putts as well, from 10 feet on the 11th hole and 12 feet at

Torrance said he was not sur-

"When you're playing with Ben you expect him to hole everything," he said. "He putts beautifully." Olazábal was never a factor until he birdied the last two boles -

to pass the fading Torrance. I played well today, but Olazábal shot a final-round 69 couldn't hole a putt," Olazábal with a big finish, while Torrance, said. "I had five birdie chances on the first six holes, but only made one of them.

"Obviously it is a boost going into the Masters with a high finish here, but that is a different week and I don't know what will happen

Others heading for Georgia did not fare so well.

Nick Faldo of Britain carded a final-round 74 but said that he was pleased was his preparation. "I played better than I scored,"

he said. "I'm working on better putting. Overall I'm happy, and feeling good about my chances next Augusta-bound Australian Ian Baker-Finch tied for 27th at 2 un-

der par, one stroke better than But Payne Stewart, whose last victory came at the 1991 U.S.

Open, had little reason for opti-mism. He shot weekend rounds of 77 and 81 to finish last at 12 over

• Stephen Ames, a 29-year-old from Trinidad and Tobago now residing in Calgary, Canada, gained his first European Tour victory Monday in the Lyon Open. A final-round, 2-over-par 74 moved him up from third place as he finished at 282 in the rain and

Gabriel Hjertstedt, the 22-yearold Swedish player who grew up in Australia, shot 77 but hung onto a second-place tie at 284 with Pedro Linhart of Spain. Linhart carded a

72 for the day.
Wayne Riley of Australia, who led entering the fourth round, skied to 79 and finished fourth at 285. He had three consecutive sub-70 rounds before the 79.

(Reuters, AP)

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White House Futures

WASHINGTON — I was walking past the White House last week when a giant trac-

tor-trailer drove up.

The driver yelled to the guard at the gate, "Where do you want the

The guard checked his clipboard. "I don't see anything about pork bellies on my list. Are you sure you're not looking for the De-

partment of Agriculture?" "Yup. It says 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue right here on the manifest. Someone 🖁

the commodities Buchwald

market with the delivery date of "Maybe," I suggested, "the new White House chef ordered them for

tonight's state dinner."
"You stay out of this, buster," the guard said. He then turned to the driver, "You can't dump them on the lawn because we're having an Easter egg hunt, and it wouldn't do to have the kids walking around with pork bellies in their baskets."

Happy Landing, **Happy Ending** The Associated Press

ONDON - Des Moloney was L coolheaded enough to know what to do when a faulty ejector seat shot him out of a small jet about half a mile up. His cool head is now supported by a sore neck, in a brace, but he's otherwise none the

Moloney was riding in a two-seat Provost jet trainer piloted by his brother Tom when the ejector seat malfunctioned. Des "went crashing through the canopy glass," Tom Moloney said. Although the seat's parachute was damaged, Moloney was able to get it partially open, which slowed his descent so that he wasn't badly injured when he landed in the grass near a supermarket in

ester, northeast of London. "It feels great to be alive," he said Monday at Colchester General Hospital, where he was recovering from minor injuries.

"Well, I have to get rid of them. What about the tennis court?"

The guard was about to go to his lephone when another truck, almost the same size, pulled up to the gate. It was packed with live cattle. The driver said, "These animals have to have water right away, or we'll be violating the health regulations concerning their treatment."

"Are you delivering them here?" "That's what I was told. Some-body at this address is dabbling in the commodities market and has to take delivery today."

The guard looked really confused. Then a dump truck pulled into the driveway, and two men started shoveling soybeans over the

fence.
"What do you think you're doing?" the guard shouted.
"Two much rain in the Midwest whoever bought these got stuck

with a bundle." "I like tofu," I told the guard.
"Will you butt out?" he

screamed. "I was only trying to be helpful. I am sure that if the White House is stuck with the soybeans the chef can come up with a soybean souffle to accompany the pork bellies."

By this time the cattle were getting restless and started to bellow at the Secret Service men. If this wasn't enough, two truckloads of winter corn from Canada arrived and blocked Pennsylvania Avenue. The guard finally managed to get a White House staff member to come

I told the aide, "There's always a chance when you buy corn husk contracts that no one will buy them after you.

He had been dealing with North Korea, Bosnia. South Africa and Ross Perot, but this was the first time he had had to deal with commodity futures.

He called George Stephanopoulos and gave him the entire story. George said he was on his way. By the time he got there the truck driver had released the cattle, and they were wandering all over the White House lawn. I know George and I said, "I

have a slogan for the next Democratic campaign, 'Pork bellies, Stu-

George, who has a great sense of humor, didn't laugh.

Art and Madness: The Shadow of a Poet

By Joan Dupont

DARIS - In the spring of 1946, Antonin Artaud left an asylum in Rodez. in the middle of France, for a more gentle internment center near Paris. Racked by the cancer that killed him two years later, hooked on drugs, the poet was a difficult patient, a haunted resiless dervish.

The father of the Theater of Cruelty put his entourage through the works; they be-came his actors, his audience. Now the drama of those last years has been played out in two engrossing films by Gerard Mordillat: "La veritable histoire d'Artaud le Momo," a documentary, and "En com-pagnie d'Antonin Artaud" with Sami Frey as the poète maudit.

Frey, a slight, retiring man who sits in the shadows of this showy profession, looks as though he whittled himself down to the bone to play the emaciated Artaud. It was a job, he admits, that scared him. His first instinct was to turn it down.

"I wasn't sure I was the right person -Artaud's image was powerful, but I didn't want to be part of his world, to speak his language," he said. "Mordillat worked on me; he convinced me that he didn't want an imitation, but something else."

The director and his actors spent eight months in preparation before filming. Frey, a man of the theater, likes it that way. "The movies I've prepared a long time ahead always worked. You avoid stress," he said.

The actor has a face, a voice and a flair for comedy, which he displayed as a su-perb young ruffian in Jean-Luc Godard's "Bande a Part" (1964) and as part of a modern love triangle in Coline Serreau's Pourquoi Pas?" (1977). But he has mostly played dark angels, and on screen, he has been scarce: If Gérard Depardieu is bulimic, Frey is picky. "I get a fair number of movie offers, but there has to be the right part and the right director. There are directors I regret — Truffaut — and those I would like to meet. But they would have to want me. I'm no good at going out there."

As a young actor, he had read Artaud's "Le Théâtre et son double," but his real contact was partaking of Peter Brook's 1968 workshop, with the Royal Shakespeare Company: "There was Michael Lonsdale, Delphine Seyrig, and actors from The Open Theater. Brook was very influenced by Artaud; that was implicit in

"Actually, I'm very far away from Artand, so the idea in doing the movie wasn't to do a hagiography or a revival, but to see how the poet's words have traveled down to an actor today - me.



Actor Sami Frey as Antonin Artand: "I didn't want to be part of his world."

what you mean by mad." Frey said. "We tured Artand, but he always had what he know now that his suffering and the drugs were due to cancer."

Working against the cliches, Frey used his own intonations: "When you hear Artaud's voice in recordings, it's almost impossible to listen to. Audiences today have a different sensibility, so we didn't force that kind of reproduction. His words aren't dated - they are still vibrant, brilliant and profound."

Words, for Frey, are to be rolled on the tongue, but not wasted: "I'm sensitive to language." He is a punctual, exacting person, spelling out memories, reciting dates: "I was 17 and a half when I played in my first boulevard comedy. It was Terence Rattigan's 'Sleeping Prince.' I didn't play the Laurence Olivier role, but the little king." From the boulevard, he went on to play Brecht, Claudel, Racine and Piran-

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calls a vocation. Artaud, as a young actor, made a smoldering impression in films like Abel Gance's "Napoléon" and Carl Drever's "La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc." Frey's first taste of the Theater of Cruelty was playing in Henri-Georges Clouzot's "La Verne" (1960). He made a carefree entrance, biking down a Paris street, and landed in a fatal liaison with Brigitte Bar-

Clouzot was a specialist of preparatory sessions that crackled with sadism. "For me the movie was an idyllic experience, but for those who played his game, it was a nightmare." Frey said. "He tortured them. I wasn't given the treatment because he probably realized he would just scare me

to death and not get anything out of me." For many years, both on stage and off, the actor and the late Delphine Seyrig were a couple. Graceful, gifted with harmonions voices - his intense and reedy, Much of the mystique around the poet is about drugs and madness. "It depends may have little in common with the tor-

they had a penchant for the avant-garde authors of the day — Harold Pinter, Peter Handke and Marguerite Duras. Recently, Frey has done his own adaptations and staging of Pinter's "Old Times," and Georges Perec's "Je me souviens," an astonishing one-man show he performed on

a bicycle. "Atypical is how my career has been described," he said, laughing, "I looked it up in my dictionary. Maybe it's been atypical because I never had a career plan.

Frey was born in Paris; during the war, his family lived in Rodez, the town where Artand was incarcerated: "Strange, yes. I was only 5 and a half, so I don't remember much about Rodez." His parents died when he was a child; he was brought up by relatives and left school early, determined

"Acting was my idea, I think I can call it a vocation. I couldn't imagine life otherwise - I love speaking all those words that. aren't mine. Reading came late, and it was as if those books were inside me. Discovering that somebody else was the author made me want to steal them, make them mine, and communicate them."

"Je me souviens" was a rich haul, a poetic incantation spun out to the rhythm of bicycle wheels. Frey concocted the whole show, from having the bicycle built, to planting small mikes throughout the theater to pick up the sound; on stage, he pedaled away, reciting a repetitive text, each sentence beginning with, "I remem-

"I needed a big stage to create a sense of distance from that little biker moving in space. Actually, I would have loved to stage it at the Opera. I could have played that part for 10 years!"

He bicycles everywhere, in the mountains, all over Paris. "I wanted to commu-nicate that sensation of motion and lightness - Pd never seen anything like it on stage. So I looked for a text to go with biking. Actually, you can say anything on a bike and it works — tell a story, recite Mass or a litany, like Jews in front of the Wailing Wall."

As he talks, he keeps an eye out for his bike, parked by the cafe: Two of my bicycles were stolen, but I found one, with the thief riding it! I ran after him and told him it was my bike. He said, 'Prove it.' I could prove it because it had been specially made for the stage, it was signed. So he had to give it back. He was a young man, but even if he had been an old man - like in 'The Bicycle Thief' - I still would have made him give my bike back."

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Oscar Winner's Parents Put Hollywood on Hold

Anna Paquin, the 11-year-old Os-car winner, has signed with a major U.S. agent to help her cope with pressure from moviemakers, the New Zealand Herald reports. Even before being named best supporting actress for "The Piano" last month, she was being inundated with Holly wood offers, and her New Zealand agent, Gall Cowan, has signed her with the William Morris agency to field the calls. Anna's parents want her out of the spotlight. They want her to have a childhood — Hollywood doesn't," Cowan said.

You've heard it all before: The Rolling Stones' lead guitarist, Brian Jones, was officially held to have drowned accidentally in his swimming pool at the age of 27 in 1969, but two new books revive contentions that he was murdered. Both books — "Paint It Black: The Murder of Brian Jones" by Geoffrey Giuliano and "Who Killed Christopher Robin?" by Terry Rawlings - say he was killed by a London builder, Frank Thorogood, who died in November. According to excerpts from Rawlings's book in the News of the World, Thorogood was said to have made a death-bed confession. The cornerstone of Giuliano's book, excerpted in The People newspaper, is a recording of an unidentified witness who was at Jones's house the night he died,

The model Christie Brinkley and four other people were stranded on a mountainside for about five hours after their helicopter crashed in Colorado, until another chopper, fighting heavy wind and snow ... picked them up.

A concert with U2, Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel and Johnny Cash? A show fit for The King. Officials of Elvis Presley's Graceland estate are planning their first tribute to Elvis, set for October in Memphis, Tennessee. "Just about any superstar who's mentioned Elvis as an influence has been considered," Graceland's spokesman, David Beckwith, said. He wouldn't say who, if anyone, had accepted.

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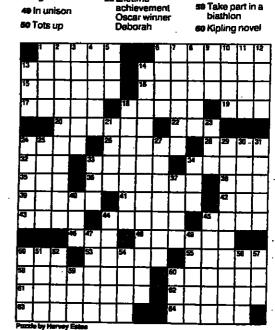
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